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EUROPEAN NEWS.

Correspondence from London, Madrid, Paris and Florence.

Statistics of Pauperism and Crime in England.

Great Speech of John Bright on the Irish Church.

Details of the Terrible Explosion in Paris.

The side-wheel steamship *Scotia*, which left Liverpool March 20 and Queenstown March 21, arrived at this port yesterday, bearing four days' later news than was previously at hand. From the files and correspondence thus received we are enabled to supply our readers with a full report of Mr. BRIGHT'S freshest and very interesting speech on the question of disestablishing the Irish Church, and to give important letters from England, France, Florence and Madrid, presenting a comprehensive summary of affairs in Great Britain and on the Continent.

AFFAIRS IN ENGLAND.

Pauperism and Crime—Statistics of Suffering—Parliament—The Election Trials—Living Curiosities—Royal Tourists—Cheap Illustrated Papers.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LONDON, Tuesday, March 16, 1869.

In 1850, when Mr. CARLYLE, published his *Latter Day Pamphlets*, England was in the fever and fervor of philanthropy, especially toward scoundrels. Prisons were made more comfortable than palaces, and all the cares of society were lavished on thieves and burglars. The tide has slowly turned, perhaps in consequence of Mr. CARLYLE'S ponderous vituperations. It requires twenty years for John Bull to turn about. Now the tide runs the other way. Garroters, instead of being petted, are flogged, twenty lashes on the bare back well laid on, in presence of their comrades in crime, and Lord KIMBERLEY has introduced a bill to enable the Police to deal with habitual or professional rogues, and perhaps exile or make an end of them. To help on the bill, the *Times* has sent a Commissioner, protected by a sergeant of detectives, to make an inspection of London crime and its resorts. He finds these latter among the low beer-shops, licensed by the Excise. Numbers of them are the resorts of the criminals and beggars of the metropolis, and, as these number many thousands, of course their habitual resorts are numerous. Here they drink, compare notes, practice games and tricks, raise money for a friend in distress, and dispose of their plunder. The higher class of these resorts are patronized by swells—that is, members of the swell mob—gentlemanly, well-dressed, well-mannered fellows, as comfortably provided for as at a Pall Mall club. From these aristocratic establishments you may go down by a regular gradation to the beer-houses of tramps and beggars, who live on an appearance of squalor and misery. Here are children bred to crime from the cradle—borrowed, and carried out to beg with until they can walk and talk, and then sent into the streets to beg and steal until old enough—and it is a horror to see how young that is—to follow more criminal or more shameful modes of infamy.

London is full of a low class of unlicensed pawn-shops—"leaving shops" they are called, where any article can be left, money borrowed at a high rate, and no questions asked. Children stealing from their parents, apprentices and shop boys from their masters, children pilfering from shop doors, have only to go round the next corner to find a leaving shop, and get a few pennies on what they have taken—perhaps a tenth its value. Houses in the low quarters are filled with stolen goods in this way. Women who tipple leave the last shred of their own disposable or their husband's clothing. What is not redeemed in a month is sold at the Rag Fair I have described in a former letter. All persons conversant with crime agree that not only is the receiver as bad as the thief, but that theft is to a great extent paralyzed without receivers.

In Lord KIMBERLEY'S bill the liberty of the subject to live a life of crime, to follow it as a regular, recognized and perhaps avowed profession, is rudely interfered with. It proposes to place all persons who, by their convictions, take rank among the criminal classes, under a rigid surveillance. Under it a man can be made to show that he gets an honest living; at least, that he does no worse than his neighbors—watering his milk, salting his sugar, and pilfering with false weights and measures, like other respectable tradesmen. Under this law, a man must not carry on the profession of a housebreaker, with whom no policeman can now interfere unless caught in the fact or evidently loitering about for the purpose. I see nothing for the burglars but to turn plumbers, and a plumber's bill generally comes so near to robbery that the change must be an easy one—either way. Earnest dealing with beggary, pauperism, vagabondage and crime has become a very grim necessity, almost a matter of life and death—to many nothing less—and as Mr. CARLYLE'S sentimental philanthropists are now chiefly engaged with their Dog Hospital at Holloway, humanity may be more sensibly cared for.

I do not know that there is in America anything like the lower class of English lodging-houses. Some of these are very large, accommodating two or three hundred lodgers. The prices are three pence, and the better ones four pence a day. For this cost working men or women have beds, a common wash-room, a coffee-room, where they cook and eat, scullery, &c. It is a rather gregarious life, but they seem to like it, each one doing his own little mess of cooking at the common fires. Fourpence a day pays all, and Sunday is free. Some of these houses are under strict regulations, and as orderly as the Astor. Others are dens of beggars, prostitutes and thieves. All, for sanitary purposes, are under the constant inspection of the Police, who can visit them at any hour of day or night. There are decent London artisans who have lived in these hives for twenty or thirty years, married couples who have brought up their families in them, a curious realization of English ideas of Home, sweet Home, the sanctities of the domestic fireside, and every man's house his castle. But the lower classes have been driven by sheer poverty into these crowded and gregarious fashions, herding together like sheep, and needing their police shepherds to hinder them from poisoning each other.

One of the great difficulties of the cottage question is the habit they have of huddling the whole family into one room, sleeping all together like pigs, men and women, married and single, from three to seven on a bed when they allow themselves such a luxury, and letting all the space they have to lodgers. The Irish stow close, family, cow, donkey, pigs and chickens all in the same mud-walled, straw-thatched cottage, but I think they are not nearly so bad in that way as the English, and the morals of the two peoples, as affected by their conditions, show a very wide difference. Be it race—be it religion, the fact is that more vice can be found among the rural population of an English county than in all Ireland. In one country, in its lower class, vice is the rule, in the other the rare exception. I confess to a weakness, a partiality toward the Irish, but the fact is as I state it, whatever the cause may be. In Ireland there is a horror of a poor girl who has been led into sin, which sometimes leads to great cruelty. In England, there is such a laxity of feeling that it is scarcely a disgrace. Even among the higher classes, a preference is given to an unmarried wet nurse. Having one or two children does not hinder an unmarried woman from getting respectable employment.

People who live in lodging-houses naturally die in poor-house or hospitals. About one in six of the population of London do not die at home. Thus, in 1868, the number of persons who died in London was 74,208; and of these 12,236 died in public institutions. This number of deaths represents a population of three to four hundred thousand, too poor to have ever so poor a house to die in.

PARLIAMENT.

The Marquis of SALISBURY, and some other recent additions to the House of Lords, have infused new energy into that venerable body, and given a spice of piquancy to its debates. On the India question the Marquis laid down the rule that "Asia must be governed Asiatically." "When you are in Rome, do as the Romans do;" in Utah, be a Mormon; in Dahomey, conform to the "customs" of that happy land. Within certain limits, the rule is a good one. On the education question he said: "Education in England does not diminish crime, but the contrary. It makes the poor clever and discontented; they read bad books and turbulent newspapers; get theories of rights of Government and property which tend to make them turbulent and predatory. Education, he thought, however, did tend to diminish pauperism. If men could not get work, they knew where to seek it. They even learn that there are such places as America and Australia. The agricultural laborers, from their dense ignorance, are utterly helpless. They may be starving on nine shillings a week, when they could get twelve in the next county. But all Englishmen, even clever and educated artisans, have little power to change, shift about and adapt themselves to circumstances. An average American will change his occupation a dozen times until he finds the right one. Let an English mechanic, artisan, or servant be thrown out of his employment, he will sit down and fold his hands in utter helplessness, until he can get the same kind of employment. They are about as fixed and hopeless and shiftless as they consider the Chinese. To rise or to change is quite the exception. It seems vain to expect officers from the ranks; and who in England would think a plowman could become Prime Minister—a rail-splitter or a tailor President?

In the Commons, the education question was debated last night on a motion withdrawn at the close of the debate. It was merely a way of getting the matter before the public. In Liverpool half of the children get no schooling, and 20,000 are running idle on the streets. In Manchester and Birmingham it is the same—and in those three towns there are 76,000 children growing up without care or education—as the *Times* says, "ragged and starved in body and mind," recruits for the great army of pauperism, vice and crime. England spent eight millions sterling to rescue a little group of prisoners from Magdala and King THEODORE. Is there no way to rescue these hundreds and thousands from a more terrible bondage of sin and Satan? But even where ample schools are provided, they are not filled. Of course not. When did little vagabonds come voluntarily from the freedom of the streets, to be taught, trained, disciplined in school? And the miserable parents having no education themselves, care for none for their offspring. A compulsory law only will do the work. The State must educate now, or maintain, imprison and hang hereafter. It is not a choice of evils, but a choice between a great good and dire evils, and so far the State has chosen the evil, and has got it abundantly. Mr. FORTES said the compulsory law in America was so little needed after a time that it is quite forgotten. It is the same on the Continent. Surely it needs no law to compel an educated father and mother to provide education for their children, or at least to see that they improve the means the State has provided.

THE ELECTION TRIALS.

The election trials are still going on with vigor, by two of the most eminent of the English Judges, who show how much better Judges would be alone, than hampered with juries, in all cases, civil and criminal. I could trust an English Judge. There is something in the whiteness of his ermine and the curl of his big wig that gives confidence, but Heaven defend me from the muddled wrongheadedness and stupid prejudices of the English jury. One of the last cases was in Beverley, the chief town in the East Riding of Yorkshire. It is a nice town of 10,000 population, dealing in corn, coal, leather and paints, has a magnificent old minster next in glory to that of York, and takes its name from an ancient monastery, Beverlac—lake of beavers—once very numerous in those islands. Well, this ancient pretty town Baron MARTIN declared to be "one mass of corruption from beginning to end." More than a thousand voters, nearly the whole number, were proved to have been bribed at the recent election—probably most of them were bribed on both sides. And they want the ballot to protect such people in the exercise of the precious right of suffrage!

LIVING CURIOSITIES.

We are enjoying a visit from the Siamese Twins and a portion of their interesting family; also, a Nova Scotia giantess, warranted eight feet one inch high, without cork soles, and not, as I am aware, supernaturally elongated. A popular paper says: "Miss ANNA SWAN is quite pretty; converses modestly and unaffectedly; plays nicely on the piano; wears her hair, which is a pure blonde, after the latest fashion; dresses in sky blue, with a long train, and, altogether, looks like a 'girl of the period,' viewed through a 'double-million magnifier,' and reduced to a state of quietude by a long course of articles in the *Saturday Review*. She is a damsel of harmonious and homogeneous, though tremendous inches."

ROYAL TOURISTS.

The Prince and Princess of WALES, steaming up the Nile, in the midst of a dense and all but naked population on either bank of the river, demanding backshish, visiting the magnificent ruins of Thebes and Luxor. The Prince shoots birds and crocodiles; the Princess rides on donkeys, and clambers vigorously about temples and labyrinths, lighted up with magnesium wire and rockets. There is quite a fleet on the low river; the Prince's yacht, the Duke of SUTHERLAND'S—but he has hurried back to his beloved fire engines—and the Egyptian convoy. Each steamer tows a kitchen boat astern, and that tows a pantry boat, with the stores and provisions. Here is a hint for those who would avoid kitchen smells on Western rivers. The Prince, to do him justice, scatters his money as liberally as if he had earned it—which he has, in a sort of way, by being a Prince, which is a profession like another, and not free from labors and cares. And the Prince of WALES practices his profession, it must be said, with a patient, praiseworthy assiduity. He listens to tiresome speeches like a judge—he is as affable as a fashionable doctor; on the whole, I do not see but that a Prince is as useful as a General in time of peace, a non-resident landlord or a politician. At Luxor the royal party had the great good fortune to be attended by a Mr. SMITH, an American who has long resided there, and has a thorough acquaintance with the ruins and a good guess at the meaning of the hieroglyphics, which he explained to the Prince to his—SMITH'S or the Prince's—great satisfaction.

CHEAP ILLUSTRATED PAPERS.

The cheap illustrated papers in England have a system which may not be quite unknown in America—somewhat like the use of scenery in old-fashioned theatres, where one street scene answers for all streets, one room for all rooms and so on. The cheap papers have a large stock of engravings of fires, shipwrecks, festivals, military reviews, races, funerals—all the striking events of life, which are used over and over as occasion requires. President GRANT'S first reception at the White House is presented to-day, by telegraph of course, in a large engraving, very fair and accurate, only General GRANT has a striking resemblance to MILLARD FILLMORE; the gentlemen wear baggy trowsers, and the ladies wear the largest crinolines. On another page is a very forcible representation of the recent explosion of an Austrian frigate—everything is going sky high, except an unmistakable United States flag flying at the mizen. The only new or expressly-made engravings are those furnished by advertisers—one, for instance, of the velocipedes, on which there seems likely to be a great run here as well as in a much faster country.

MONADNOCK.

AFFAIRS IN SPAIN.

The Cortes—The Constitution—Another Violent Scene—The New Loan—Catholic Unity—The Agitation in Cadiz and Seville.

From Our Own Correspondent.

MADRID, Sunday, March 14, 1869.

The Government is daily giving proofs of increasing weakness, and in presence of the checks which it is constantly receiving, I do not see how it can resist the pressure which the Republicans are bringing to bear against it. Compelled by the fear of the latter's quitting the Assembly in a body, to modify most of its measures, it received on Thursday last a still more significant warning in the defection of a number of the Deputies who usually vote with it. The question on which this incident occurred was a proposition made by M. RODRIGUEZ BALAGUER for the nomination by the Chamber of four Committees—one on Municipal and Provincial Organization, one on the Electoral Law, one on General Legislation, and one on Public Order—each Committee to be composed of nine members and to be appointed directly by the Assembly. The effect of this measure would be to muzzle the Ministry in a manner never attempted by the *Moderes*, and as M. ORENSE stated to compel the Republican Deputies to quit their posts. M. FIGUEROS moved an amendment to the effect that there were no grounds for entertaining the proposition, and the amendment was only lost by a minority of 91 votes to 101, showing a clear gain to the Republicans of thirty odd votes.

The victory thus dearly purchased filled the Ministerial ranks with consternation, and a meeting of the majority was called to deliberate upon what was to be done. You will find in another part of this letter a statement of what occurred at the meeting. It was determined for consistency sake that the resolutions should be supported, but since then a compromise has been effected with the Republicans, by which it has been agreed that they are to be sent to the Committee on Regulations and to be allowed to slumber there, and that in future the majority are to use more circumspection in their language toward the Opposition. Thus you will see is only a forced truce, and like all such compacts, is destined to a brief duration.

THE CONSTITUTION.

The Committee on the Constitution sits daily in the morning and afternoon, but as yet has not come to a vote on any one of its clauses. Señor OLOZAGA has arrived and presides regularly as its ultimatum.

ANOTHER VIOLENT SCENE IN THE CORTES.

On Thursday we had another of those scenes of angry recrimination to which the Assembly is daily becoming more prone, and which, it is to be feared, will end in the worst consequences.

On the project demanding the suspension of the preliminary operations of the *Quintas* (Conscription laws) coming up for discussion, Señor FERNAND GARRIDO, one of the Deputies for Cadiz, made a very violent speech in support of the motion. He said that he and his Republican colleagues condemned insurrections as long as individual rights were respected, and he insisted on the necessity of suppressing the conscription both for land and sea. The Republican Party did not want to arrive at power by violence, they sought to reach it by legal means, and by the conviction that the federal republic was now for Spain a much more conservative system than the monarchy. If an army were required it was to operate neither against the Carlists nor the Bourbons, but against the Republicans, by occupying the large cities where the strength of the latter lay. The proof of this assertion was that the army was not kept at the frontier, where danger was really to be expected, but in places where it was perfectly useless. What was the necessity of keeping from ten to twelve thousand men in garrison in Madrid where there were twenty thousand volunteers? They would be much more useful in Navarre where the militia were not armed, though a request had been made to the Government to place them in a position to defend the country. At other periods the militia alone had proved sufficient for the maintenance of order. Nor could it be sustained that such a large military force was necessary for the Antilles, where they were told that the insurgents had been defeated, and that because they were fighting for their liberties. This statement gave rise to a scene of great tumult, the majority indulging in violent protestations and cries of "No! no! they were fighting against the country." The President called M. GARRIDO to order, but the latter again asserted that the Cubans were fighting for their liberties. Here there was a fresh renewal of the agitation, and again the President called upon M. GARRIDO to remember that such assertions could not be made in any assembly of Spaniards, much less in the Cortes. M. GARRIDO insisted on the perfect legitimacy of what he had advanced, and again the tumult became deafening. After some minutes of confusion, in which the voice of the President could not make itself heard, the Chamber recovered its equanimity, and M. GARRIDO was allowed to proceed with his speech. He said that it was the desire of himself and his Republican associates to see the army reduced to 40,000 or 50,000 men at most. For the one occasion on which the military had risen in arms against the reaction, it had many times served as a support to tyranny. The reaction of 1814 was effected by the army. It is true that it purified itself of this stain in 1820. From 1823 to 1834 it was an element of reaction, and it was the same from 1843 to 1854, and from 1856 to 1866, which gave rise to the saying, "The army is for ESPARTERO, for MARVAEZ, for O'DONNELL, but never for the Queen." The friends of liberty certainly owed gratitude to the men who had delivered the country from the heavy chains by which it was manacled previous to the revolution, but that did not prevent them entertaining apprehensions when they reflected that the army might have an ambitious chief, and that it had been so often the main support of the reaction. He reminded the Chamber that one of the first reforms proclaimed by the revolution was the abolition of the *Quintas*, and he now demanded that these promises should be fulfilled.

The Minister of War (FERE) replied at some length to M. GARRIDO, and commenced by stating that the latter had advocated insurrection. This assertion gave rise to violent denegations from the Opposition benches. The Minister resumed by saying that so long as the Government enjoyed the confidence of that Chamber, neither Carlists nor Republicans would be allowed to impose its will on the Cortes or on the country. The Opposition looked more to their popularity than to the realization of their propositions, but the majority knew when reason commanded them to temporarily sacrifice this popularity and to combat the Opposition foot to foot. With reflecting people the taking into consideration of a proposition such as that which was then before them signified nothing, because it was afterward subject to the examination of a committee and might be rejected but the masses did not reflect, and if the motion for adjournment were taken into consideration, it would immediately be inferred throughout the country that the conscription was abolished. M. GARRIDO had said that for his part he was opposed to having any army at all, but some of his Republican colleagues, he believed, were of a different opinion. A number of deputies of the extreme Left signified their assent to the correctness of this statement. M. GARRIDO had also stated that in Cuba the defenders of liberty had been shot. That was not the fact. Those who had been shot were the leaders of bands which had raised the standard of hatred and rancor against Spain. The first use they had made of the liberty accorded them by General DULCE, was to cry, "Death to Spain." If M. GARRIDO had not the blood of a Spaniard in his veins and could join in this cry, let him do so; but neither he (General FERE) nor the majority could tolerate it for a moment. This declaration elicited a loud burst of applause from the Ministerial side of the Chamber. The Minister concluded by denying that the revolution had proclaimed the abolition of the *Quintas*, and insisting on the necessity of a permanent army. M. GARRIDO stated that he did not feel himself free to reply as he wished to the accusations of the Minister of War, who had reflected on his patriotism. The President remarked that no one had sought to limit his right of doing so. M. GARRIDO begged to differ with him; his language had been taken exception to, and therefore he was not at liberty to make a suitable reply. After some further observations from the President, the Minister FOMENTO and M. GARRIDO, the motion was read a second time and rejected by 122 votes to 99.

THE NEW LOAN.

On Thursday the Minister of Finance introduced a *projet de loi*, authorizing the emission of a new loan of a million of reals ($50,000,000.) It was referred to the Committee on the Budget. He also introduced a bill applying to public use the buildings which had belonged to suppressed convents.

CATHOLIC UNITY.

This week a number of petitions were presented to the Courts from the Archbishop of Toledo and the Suffragan Bishops of his Province, from the Archbishop of Valence and his Suffragan Bishops, from the Vicar, Capitular for the Diocese of Saloma from the Dean and Canons of the same city, and from the Chapter of Jaen, demanding of the Courts the preservation of Catholic unity in its legislation, the harmonizing of public and private instruction with the doctrines and practice of the Catholic religion and the annulment of the decree of the 6th of December, suppressing the *fueros*. On Thursday M. ALVAREZ BUGALLAD inquired of the President of the Chamber, none of the Ministers being present, if steps had been taken to impress upon the Ayuntamientos, which had proclaimed civil marriage within their jurisdiction, that the establishment of an institution of this importance was not within their attributes. The President replied that the question would be transmitted to the Government, and the honorable Deputy would, no doubt, have an answer on the following day. M. SUNER Y CAPDEVILLE reminded the Chamber on the same sitting that three days previously he had inquired of the Government if the Archbishops, Bishops and Canons who had accepted the functions of deputy had renounced the offices which they held in the Church. The President (RIBERO) stated that he was not in the chair when the question was put, but that he would communicate it to the Government.

THE AGITATION IN CADIZ AND SEVILLE.

The accounts from Andalusia have been very bad for several days past, and have given the Government great concern. In Cadiz and Malaga the population have been again wrought up to a pitch of feverish excitement by the report that it is intended by a portion of the army to proclaim the Duc DE MONTPENSIER. On Friday, M. DEL RIO interpolated the Government as to the facts, and the Minister of the Interior replied that there was no other excitement in Andalusia than that kept up by persons calling themselves Republicans, but whom the Government were convinced had no connection with that party.

AFFAIRS IN ITALY.

Paper from Stone—Utility of Asbestos—Wealth of the Kingdom in Crude Material—Industrial Statistics—Reviving of the Nation.

From Our Own Correspondent.

FLORENCE, Tuesday, March 9, 1869.

I shall write this letter, or at least a part of it, upon paper made of stone, or of inorganic substance, and give you an account of the discovery which has led to its production. It is known that in different parts of Italy there are deposits of amianthus, or asbestos; but it is only since the recent experiments have been made that it has begun to be utilized. The prospect now is that before long we shall wipe our faces on towels, and in the Summer sleep in sheets of mineral linen, and read books and newspapers printed on paper which will not burn. We know well enough that the ancient Egyptians wrapped their embalmed bodies in cloth made of the fibre of asbestos, specimens of which are preserved to this day, as imperishable as stone, of which substance it is, indeed, manufactured.

A priest, a native of Arezzo, in Tuscany, whose time has been devoted to scientific studies, is the happy discoverer of a process by which the fibre of amianthus can be spun and woven, or converted into pulp for the manufacture of paper. Being the proprietor of lands containing deposits of this mineral substance, the attention of Signor DEL CORONA was directed to investigations which led to his discovery. His sole object now is to dispose of the crude material, which exists in inexhaustible abundance, and leave to others with activity and skill in mechanical processes to add this to the other commercial products of the world.

The appearance of the crude substance as it comes from the mine, after a slight process of separation, is like that of rotted and bleached hemp, with long shining fibres, easily separated, a single one of which slightly twisted in the fingers forms a thread which it is difficult to break. The price at which this mineral hemp is at present offered is about that of rags, so that for economy it has no advantage for the manufacture of paper. But undoubtedly as concerns this, much more can be made of it when it comes into other hands. Its chief recommendation for the manufacture of paper is its quality of resisting the action of fire. It follows, also, that it cannot be eaten by insects or perish by rot. I have seen specimens of paper as thick as cardboard, well suited to lining floors or the walls of houses. As a backing for the scenery of theatres and for similar purposes, where the action of fire is to be hindered, it can be made useful, as will readily occur to any one.

But the chief utility of asbestos will undoubtedly be found in its adaptedness to the manufacture of woven fabrics. I hold in my hand a towel made of this substance, in appearance very much like one made of half-bleached flax of medium quality. It has a asponaceous feel and stony quality, as its weight is considerably greater than that of one of cotton or linen of the same size. Among the relics of Pompeii preserved in the museum at Naples, are specimens of cloth woven of a thread of large size made of the fibre of asbestos. In this uninflammable canvass the ancients wrapped their dead bodies while the process of reducing them to ashes was going on. It was a pretty severe test of the quality of resisting the destructive power of heat—greater, indeed, than could be sustained by a covering woven of threads of iron wire.

I send you a specimen of the thread spun of asbestos, by hand, with the common distaff, still in general use in the country parts of Italy; also some of the crude fibre. The deposits of this substance are nearer Genoa than to any other city, and from that port it may be shipped to other countries. Many tons are already in store ready for a market. It remains to be seen by whom and to what extent this material is to be turned to account. I am told that asbestos is found in the United States, but under what conditions is better known there than here. Like so many others in these less active countries, Signor DEL CORONA turns to America to find a people ready to test the merits of every new discovery, and accept all proffered advantages. One fact is distinctly given. A mineral fibre of great tenacity exists in large quantities. The demand is for the application to it of mechanical processes, so that whatever can be made of it may be added to industrial products.

While Italy has great wealth of crude material, by the partial absence of skill in manipulating with machinery less is contributed to the general prosperity than should be in so large a population. Hemp and flax are raised in greater or less quantities on almost every farm in the level portions of the peninsula; but nearly all is spun and woven by hand. In the rural districts nearly all the bed and table-linen is of domestic manufacture. For use in cities, the finer qualities come from foreign countries. It is the same with calicoes and bleached cotton fabrics. The power looms here does but little work yet. Hardly an Italian wears a shirt made of cotton grown in the country, although there is territory and a temperature adapted to its cultivation. But even more than this. While cotton brought from a distance might be spun and woven here at a cost to compete with other countries, the shops are filled with manufactures of this sort imported from England and France, as well as from Germany and Switzerland. The illusion is too much encouraged here, that whatever comes from a foreign country is best—an illusion thoroughly provincial and fatal to native industries.

When one examines the history of the Italian Republics of five or six centuries ago, and learns something of the commercial energy and public spirit of that time, the contrast between the two periods becomes evident. Then for a citizen, either of patrician or parvenu origin, to have any consideration in the commonwealth, it was necessary to be inscribed in the lists of one of the art crafts. Dante, and the best of that day, thought it an honor to be found associated with those who labored to promote the public prosperity. Now a Florentine dandy, scorning everything that seems like labor, will not wear a hat or boots made in his own country, but the one must come from England and the other from France. Italy can produce wool, flax, silk, cotton, and, as we now see, fibre, which, if she will only go to work with the aid of machinery, she can spin and weave into all sorts of marketable fabrics. To these are to be added iron, coal, copper, borax, sulphur and other ores, with marbles and a great variety of woods, of which carved ornaments can be made.

The example which the Marquis GINORI has given of the successful employment of capital and talent in manufacturing enterprise, should have a stimulating influence upon the other members of the Italian aristocracy. At the establishment of Ginori, near Florence, porcelain and *majolica* wares, equal to the French, are made in large quantities. At the Paris Exposition the specimens on show attracted much admiration, and proved the possibility of the revival in Italy of every ancient art. The establishment at Venice of the glass manufacture in the quaint style of centuries back, is another evidence, out of the past decay the new growth has already begun. Depositories of the many curious objects made of Venetian glass have been opened in Florence and London, and I should not be surprised to hear in New-York as well. As a study in political economy, this whole subject is an interesting one, for we cannot but watch with sympathy the reviving prosperity of a regenerated nation.

ANGELICO.

AFFAIRS IN FRANCE.

Postscript to the Affaire Haussmann—Paris as It Is—The Cost of Marble and the Cost of Bricks—Alphonse de Lamartine—A New Book.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PARIS, Tuesday, March 9, 1869.

The affair Haussmann has a postscript. The other day we left it at the point where the Ministers were rubbing the back of the Opposition with some such speech as this: "Oh, yes! we see. M. HAUSSMANN *has* committed irregularities. But great interests depended upon the rapid execution of the works deemed necessary for the health and convenient circulation of the inhabitants of Paris, and as you did not appropriate money fast enough he was obliged to get it the best way he could. He certainly had no right to borrow of the Credit Foncier, but what was the poor man to do? So be a little indulgent; help us to get him out of difficulty, and he will take care not to commence again. Let us annul the contract with the Credit Foncier and vote a loan to cover up this and the other 'irregularities' of the Prefect, and then he can go on and finish the little that remains to be done of the grand scheme for the reconstruction of Paris."

It did not make any difference that these confessions of the Ministers were forced from them, the House gallantly voted the loan, with only forty-four opposing votes, and M. HAUSSMANN will remain in his place and go on and complete his grand scheme. But the Credit Foncier will hardly give back the millions it has gained from the city in the profits and charges on the revoked loan, the Legislature has assumed a grave responsibility, and the greatest mystery will continue to reign over the condition of M. HAUSSMANN'S accounts.

But before a year goes around our superb Prefect may say to his enemies: "Mount up the towers of Notre Dame and look at my work!" He can then show them one of the grandest spectacles ever dreamed of by a human will without control. Political constructions and political reputations may shift with every wind that blows; the grand streets and boulevards and monuments of Paris will remain. Who asks now, for example, as he gazes upon the gigantic ruins of Rome, whether AUGUSTUS committed "irregularities" in his budget; or whether he saddled the good people of Rome with a heavy debt, or not? May not the opposition of that day—the qulast, the censors and the ediles—have pitched into the expensive AUGUSTUS with the same vivacity as do the present Opposition into M. HAUSSMANN? It is certain at any rate that the time will come when people will speak of the Paris of NAPOLEON III. as we now speak of the Rome of AUGUSTUS.

The works of importance yet unfinished are the Boulevard St. Germain, the Avenue Napoleon, the Rue Beaumur, the Boulevard Haussmann, the Grand Opera and the decorations of the Place du Trocadero. The four large streets are central, and will cost their weight in gold. But they are all necessary, and may be finished this year. The Grand Opera and the decoration of the Heights of Trocadero are fancy improvements, and the latter at least will have to wait. It enters frankly into the category of luxuries, and when finished will recall the useless grandeurs of Rome and Carthage—perhaps of Babylon, for M. HAUSSMANN is quite capable of it.

The debates in the Chamber brought out the startling fact that the new Grand Opera is going to cost, ground and all, something like twelve millions of dollars in gold!

Now look at the following figures, and you will see why the civilized and humanitary portion of the Paris community cannot look at their new Grand Opera, proud as they may be of it in another sense, without blushing. The annual interest on the money involved, at six per cent, amounts to $720,000 a year. Then the Government allows an annual subsidy of $360,000, making a total of outlay per annum to the Government of $720,000 in gold. About two hundred representations are given a year, which makes each representation cost $4,500.

After this comes the manager, who pays all the expenses of the theatre, and makes money out of it or not, as he can. But when he pays Mlle. NILSSON $400 a night, or the same sum to his first *danseuse*, or *danseuse*, making the round sum of $5,000, the public have the satisfaction of knowing that each fancy note uttered by the *prima donna*, or each *pirouette* of the *danseuse*, or each "pigeon wing" of the *danseur*, costs them something like $10.

ALPHONSE DE LAMARTINE.

It is impossible for any one that holds a pen not to salute the grand shadow of LAMARTINE as it passes. While living we were permitted to discuss him, because he was a man; but death has changed him into a God, and rendered his memory sacred. It is unfit that we should longer occupy ourselves with the last vacant years of his life, or the recriminations to which they gave rise. We can well afford to forget these, and fix our memories only on the grand figure of the poet and the patriot, the writer who impassioned the youth of his country by his celestially inspired poetry; the orator who shaped the destinies of his country by the power of his improvisations.

The death of LAMARTINE did not produce in the public any of the commotion so common since the *coup d'état* when other popular chiefs have died. The State offered to bury him, but his friends refused, preferring a private burial at his estate in the country, and it was thus that the body of the man who once controlled the populace by the magic of his speech and his person, passed through the streets of Paris on his way to his last home unnoticed, and with but a score of persons in his train.

A NEW BOOK.

The political world has been singularly moved by the book of M. EMILE OLLIVIER, *The Plebiscite of January*. On the 19th of January, 1869, the Emperor NAPOLEON published a letter promising liberty of the Press, of speech, and of meeting, and this letter M. EMILE OLLIVIER, Deputy of the Seine, pretends to have in part inspired. He had expected also to go into the Ministry on the basis of the liberties here indicated, but all these grand projects failed, and M. OLLIVIER now feels the necessity of explaining his position to his constituents and the world in general. There is nothing like a sharp autobiography to stir up bile and disclose the queer sides of human nature, and this book is full of both. But the most remarkable feature of the book is the following letter of the Emperor addressed to M. OLLIVIER at the epoch referred to:

PALACE OF THE TUILERIES, Jan. 12, 1869.

I thank you, Sir, for the letter you wrote me, and which contains a clear and precise *résumé* of our conversation. Our interview left upon me the most agreeable impression, for it is for me a great satisfaction to confer with a man whose sentiments are elevated and patriotic enough to soar above the small interests of persons or of parties. Although decided to follow the line of policy I traced out a few months ago to WALEWSKI, I should like to talk with you again and with ROUHER on the details of execution. You may believe me that I am not a bad back either by doubts or by a vain infatuation of my prerogatives, but rather by the fear of depriving myself of the means to reestablish in this country, troubled by so many diverse passions, moral order, the essential basis of liberty. What troubles me most about a law on the Press is not to find a force to restrain, but the manner of defining in a law the offences which merit restraint. The most dangerous writings may escape condemnation, while the most innocent may fall under the stroke of the law. That has in fact been the morality, which, in order to strike the public mind with decisive measures, I should like to establish at a single blow what has been called the crowning of the edifice; I should like to do this in such a way as not to be obliged to return to the subject, for it is important for me and for the country especially to be finally fixed on this subject. The end I have in view must be adopted and followed up in a decisive manner without having the air of being dragged year by year into new concessions, for one always falls, as M. GUIZOT has said, on the side one leans to, and I desire, on the contrary, to march firm and erect, without leaning either to the right or to the left. You see that I write to you with frankness. You inspired me with a complete confidence, and my inspirations seemed to me so much the better that they were in conformity to your own. Believe in my best sentiments, NAPOLEON.

The best of it is that M. OLLIVIER professes to have received another letter from the Emperor since the publication of his book, protesting that neither his political ideas nor his sentiments of esteem for M. OLLIVIER had changed.

But M. OLLIVIER will hardly dare to publish this letter, for too much familiarity at the Palace is enough to destroy any man's election to the next Chamber from Paris, and M. OLLIVIER'S constituents were already sufficiently dissatisfied with their Deputy's conduct.

THE COMING ELECTIONS.

At the last election the nine legislative districts of Paris gave a combined majority against the Emperor of eighty thousand votes. The Opposition expect to have in June a majority in these same nine districts of a hundred thousand.

HENRY ROCHEFORT, writer of the *Lanterne*, will stand for election in the Fifth District of Paris, and may be elected. When he returns to inscribe his name and take the obligation required, he may be imprisoned for the condemnation of six months ago, but his election probably will compel the opening of the prison doors again. MALAKOFF.

THE IRISH CHURCH.

Opening of the Disestablishment Debate in Parliament—Remarks of Messrs. Disraeli and Gladstone.

In the British Commons, the opening of the great Irish Church debate was had on March 15.

REMARKS OF MR. DISRAELI.

On the order of the day being read, nearly ten minutes were occupied in the presentation of petitions against the bill, after which, Mr. GLADSTONE having moved the second reading of the bill, Mr. DISRAELI rose, loudly cheered by his followers, to move its rejection. He commenced by reminding the House of Mr. GLADSTONE'S description of his measure as involving a "gigantic issue," and, agreeing with this appreciation of its magnitude, he drew the inference that it merited the utmost judgment, self-control and mutual forbearance in its discussion, and that the country had a right to require from Parliament the most mature deliberation in its settlement. This conclusion Mr. DISRAELI enforced by a historical retrospect of the mistakes made from want of this deliberation the last time Parliament had to deal with a gigantic issue, more than two hundred years ago, at the time of the great Rebellion. The bill, he said, proposed two objects—to sever the union between Church and State, and to enable the State to seize on the property of a corporation (for convenience of debate termed Disestablishment and Disendowment), two operations very often confounded, but widely differing in their nature and results. Before dealing with the bill, Mr. DISRAELI asked leave to make some general remarks on these two points. To Disestablishment he objected because he was in favor of the union of Church and State, by which he understood an arrangement which armed the State with the highest influence, and prevented the Church from sinking into a secordotal corporation.

On the possible evil consequences of divorcing authority from religion he filleted with much earnestness, and, believing that we were tending toward a time when the influence of religion would be predominant in public affairs, he warned the House against establishing an independent religious power in the country, which might be stronger than the civil power, and not always in agreement with it. Among other advantages of an Establishment was the security of religious freedom, and this was not confined to persons belonging to its community. As to Disendowment, if a State seized on the property of a Church without assigning a reason, he held it to be spoliation, but with a reason, valid or not, it was a confiscation. Mr. DISRAELI did not share in the delusion that there was no difference between private and corporate property; toward the first the State occupied the position of a guardian, to the latter of a trustee; but whatever rights a trustee might have, under no circumstances was he justified in taking the property to himself. Of all species of confiscation, however, he objected most strongly to confiscation of Church property, which usually ended in the sole benefit of the landlords. Passing on to examine the mode in which Mr. GLADSTONE'S bill proposed to apply these principles to Ireland, he pointed out that among the causes of Irish discontent was the existence of a powerful and eloquent clergy not connected with the State, able to expound this discontent. But this measure of disestablishment would set up three churches unconnected with the State, which whenever any other grievance—such as the land question—came to be discussed, would agree in one dogma at least, that the clergy had been ill treated. As to disendowment, why, he asked, was the property of the Church to be taken away? Her title was stronger that than that of any other landlord, and was sanctioned by the prescription of three centuries. It was not pretended that the objects for which the property had been given were not excellent, or that they had not been carried out. Nor had Mr. GLADSTONE made up his mind to some other Church which would better discharge the duty for which the property was given. The only pretext given was that the Catholics, who did not wish for these endowments themselves were jealous of the Protestants for possessing them. This he held to be an entirely new principle, or rather it was the revival of the old principles of tyranny and oppression in the darkest ages. He created much laughter by putting a hypothetical case of the extension of the principle to private property—one set of landless Irish gentry demanding the confiscation of the estates of their more fortunate fellow countrymen from no motive but jealousy; or to other corporate property, as if the unendowed London Hospitals should demand the confiscation of the revenues of Guy's, St. Bartholomew's and St. Thomas's. But this scheme of confiscation could not be carried out without the cooperation of its victims, and Mr. DISRAELI exclaimed next in a sarcastic vein the temptations held out to the clergy to join in the operation. Their vested interest were to be respected, but that went for nothing, for no Minister could propose such

of containing no policy, or a policy which he was condemned afterward to deny and repudiate, was one which elaborated a great policy for Ireland, and it was so balanced and complete that I ask the House on both sides if it be not the fact that it has attracted to it the sympathy and the support of the great bulk of the people of the three Kingdoms. I say that your speeches during this debate are proof that you feel it, and are proof that Protestant England and still more Protestant Scotland have joined heartily with Catholic Ireland in approving the policy which is set forth in the details of this bill. The matter stands thus—that there is an Irish policy—and the noble Lord, the member for King's Lynn is my witness for it—and there is an ecclesiastical grievance in Ireland—and the Governor-General of India is my authority for that statement. Last session they were members of the same Cabinet, and were in constant daily communication with the Prime Minister, Lord DERBY, and afterward with his successor, the right honorable gentleman who sits opposite. *Then, it was a question which the late Government were totally unable to grapple with.* They did nothing, though not because they did not comprehend the question. The right honorable gentleman comprehends all those questions just as well as any man in the House. He understood them twenty years ago. To show how totally unable the late Government was to deal with this question, I appeal to those members of the House who were here last year, when they will recollect that the speeches of Lord MAYO, of the noble Lord the member for King's Lynn, of the right honorable gentleman the late Home Secretary, and of the right honorable gentleman since then in that party First Minister—that these speeches did not agree; that, in point of fact, in all that that they said on the floor of the House there was just as much confusion of speech as there has been in Ireland for centuries past. The noble Lord the member for King's Lynn said that the patient was in a desperate and almost helpless state. Lord MAYO said that he was wonderfully better. The right honorable gentleman the member for Buckinghamshire said he was perfectly well and his condition was eminently satisfactory; and the right honorable gentleman (Mr. HARDY) took all the febrile symptoms of the patient as indications of perfect health. And it proved, as the country found out by the time when the last elections came on, that the Government of the right honorable gentleman opposite had not comprehended the malady, or had not had the courage or the power to grapple with it. Consequently the constituencies came to the conclusion, that this great question must be confronted, that it was desirable to have a Parliament and a Government which could satisfactorily deal with it. Now, the right honorable Baronet, the member for Londonderry County, two or three nights ago, asked the question which the right honorable gentleman opposite asked within the last hour. He asked what is meant by Protestant ascendency, and said that he did not comprehend the meaning. There was so much simplicity in the manner of the honorable Baronet's asking the question as made me believe that he was really saying what he said. It is said that no one is convinced by speeches in this House, and I am sure it would be presumptuous in me to suppose that I could convince any one, yet I should like to ask the honorable gentleman opposite, a question or two. Is it a fact or not that the Established Church in Ireland is the Church of conquest? The honorable and learned gentleman who made so powerful a speech to-night on the other side of the House said that the Church was based on certain acts of Parliament, which declared that the clergy in Ireland must preach and pray and conduct the religious services according to the pattern of the Church of England, or they could not continue to hold their benefices in Ireland. That was an act of the English Parliament and Government, and it was merely a mode of asserting the power which conquest gave to England. The Church in Ireland, therefore, is the Church of conquest. Not only was it historically so but I maintain that by no possibility could the Church of a small minority of Protestants remain for three hundred years established, in the midst of a nation of Roman Catholics, except by the power of conquest. I am amazed that honorable gentlemen should dispute the point, but if they do dispute it I am amazed that they do not see the tremendous violation of every privilege of the Protestant nomination involved in such denial. The principle of the Reformation implied the right of a nation to choose its own Church and its own mode of worship, and therefore to *establish a Protestant Church in the midst of a Catholic nation is the most flagrant violation of the principle of the Reformation which ever happened since the days of Luther.* But we are asked what has maintained it from that time to the present? The right honorable gentleman on the opposite bench spoke of the penal code exactly in the way that we on these benches speak of it, and condemned those who in the last century supported the enalties of that code. No doubt fifty years before upon the Conservative side of this House, for there will always be a Conservative side, looking back to the conduct of their party in 1869, will express amazement that intelligent persons should have been found after the experience of three hundred years to support the Established Church in Ireland. I have in my hand the expressed opinion of a very intelligent foreigner, who, while he was living, was known to many members of this House—I mean Count CAVOUR—in relation to the condition of Ireland, and the extract I am about to read is taken from an admirable translation of Count CAVOUR's work on that country. The writer says:

"The results of this inhuman code were lamentable. The cruelty was purely gratuitous, for, far from losing strength, Catholicism became all the stronger from the hatred with which it was regarded by the religion of their oppressors. Every attempt at conversion failed. The English Parliament, in the belief that it was promoting the established religion, merely by its unjust laws placed at the mercy of the Protestants, proprietors of the soil, the Catholic population, which, in three-fourths of the country, were at least exclusively the cultivators. The penal laws which, at first, religious fanaticism had inspired, lost by degrees their primitive characters, and in the hands of those who applied them, became a means of social domination. During the greatest part of the eighteenth century the Irish peasant was reduced to a state of slavery worse than that of the negroes in the Antilles. Thanks to anti-Christian legislation, and to the manner in which it was applied, it was more difficult for him to obtain justice from a Protestant Grand Jury than it is now for a slave in the French colonies to obtain it from the magistracies sent from the mother country to administer the laws. During this period Ireland presents the saddest spectacle to be found in any civilized society—corruption and absolute oppression of the poor by the rich, of him who labors by him who possesses, organized by the law, and maintained by the ministers of justice."

That is admitted to be true. *For 300 years there has been a perpetual protest against this state of things on the part of the people of Ireland.* It is said that there is a Church in England, and no one complained. I am not a member of that Church, but it is not to me the sign of foreign conquest. My forefathers were members of the State Church, and for reasons which they thought sufficient they left it, but if it had been inflicted on us by a Power across the channel I do not think that we should regard it with that tranquility with which we now look upon it. The right honorable member for Buckinghamshire last night treated us to a little of that kind of history which he often introduces into his speeches. The right honorable gentleman said that there was no support for liberty and toleration like the Established Church. Speaking from his speech at Edinburgh a year or two ago, his speech last night, and other speeches, I think I may say that the right honorable gentleman reads a different history from any one else, or he makes up his history as he goes along. He reminds me of what was said of VOLTAIRE, that he wrote history far better without facts than with them. If the right honorable gentleman thinks that the Established Church in England is favorable to the liberties of this country, some of us, who are Dissenters and Nonconformists, have a different opinion. HUME, the historian, who was not favorable to such views as I entertain, says, in speaking of a period in the English history:

"So absolute was the authority of the Crown that the serious spark of liberty had been kindled, and was pressed, by the Puritans alone, and it is to this sect that the English owe the whole freedom of their Constitution."

The Nonconformists have succeeded to the heritage of those who were called Puritans. Scotland has also a State Church, and England tried to force the system introduced into Ireland upon Scotland, but happily failed. I agree with the honorable member for Bradford, that in no point can you insult and wound a nation so incurably as when you meddle with its conscience and its mode of worship. You may send an alien governor to Ireland; you might send alien judges; you might impose taxes partially, and by and by the people would become accustomed to that state of things, and would not unwillingly wear the chain. But if you meddle with them in the tenderest points, in respect to their religion—that is an injury that never can be forgiven, and there can be no cure whatever for it but by entirely removing the cause of the wound. Now, there are two things your Church wants to do. I heard from the noble Lord who spoke from the bench opposite to-night—I am surprised, I must say, that gentlemen who speak with so much mildness and fairness appear really unable to discover the greatness of the grievance which the Established Church is in their country—I heard from that noble Lord that the Churched Ireland is not intended to convert the Catholics. *That was not said at the time of its foundation. That was not said by many of its friends since, and the defence I have often heard in this House and elsewhere for the public Press is, that it is a Church to do what it can to convert Catholics to Protestantism, and what the late Home Secretary said was this—it was to hold out the lamp or lighting the Reformation in the dark places of Ireland.* Well, then, I say that if the Established Church of Ireland had a pretence for its existence, it is this—that it shall do something to bring over the people of Ireland to the Protestant religion, and, secondly, that it shall help to unite Ireland with Great Britain in a friendly and permanent union. Has it been a success or a failure? I ask the honorable member for the County of Londonderry. I put my question to him because I know he has some sympathy for the sufferings of Ireland, if not for the remedy we propose. I ask him whether the Irish Church has been successful or has proved a failure. He will say as I shall say, and as no man will deny, that *its history for its saddest pages has not a more complete failure than that of the Irish Church. Is it not known perfectly to all of us that Ireland is more Catholic at this moment than it ever was before?* And, what I think much worse than that, Ireland is more Roman than any other Catholic country probably in Europe; what is more, from Ireland has come to England whatever there is of power that belongs to the Papal system in this country; and from Ireland has overflowed and settled on the continent of America a very great and powerful Catholic interest; and, therefore, as far as it is concerned, it seems to me that no failure could be more complete. I have said many years ago—I repeat it now—that by the policy England has pursued in Ireland we have made Catholicism not a faith only to which the people cling with a desperate and heroic tenacity, but we *have made it a patriotism for which multitudes of her children are willing to suffer, and if necessary even to die.* And what should be more likely than that, because this State Church, this Protestant ascendency which honorable gentlemen opposite profess not to comprehend has been for three centuries leagued with every form of injustice of which the Irish people have complained, whether connected with the confiscation of their soil or with the terrors and sterilities of the odious Penal Code, or with the administration of the law, or with any social tyranny to which they have been subject? I would quote again three lines from the same essay of Count CAVOUR on this point, in which he says:

"The Church remains, to the Catholics, the representative of the causes of their miseries, a sign of defiance and oppression, which exasperates their sufferings and makes their humiliation more keenly felt."

Now, to pass from this matter of conversion, and come to the really more important question—has it done anything to bind Ireland to Great Britain? Well, it has had, just as the police and soldiery have, but in no other way and to no greater extent. The policy of the Act of Union in my opinion was a wise policy; the mode by which it was brought about was one of unexampled corruption and wrong. You reverse the Act of Union. Last session you had article 5 read by the Clerk at the table. You would not have a word of it changed or touched; and yet, stance to say, everybody but your own party believes that your policy makes union absolutely impossible; that you conduct the affairs of Ireland on the principle that you create a sense of wrong which overrides all written words and all parchment covenants. For centuries we all know that Ireland has been restless, turbulent and insurrectionary. The right honorable gentleman admitted that in part of his speech, and during the recess, I forget now when or where, he attributed much of it to the fact that the Irish lived in a country where they had a damp climate and in the neighborhood of a melancholy ocean. Now, I have not the least objection to a joke at a proper time; but I do think that, under circumstances like these—when throughout the whole country there is a painful sensation that we have not done justice to Ireland, and that Ireland is no credit to the Imperial Government—it is carrying hilarity and jocoseness too far to make a joke on so grave a subject. But if we come down to the seventy years during which this House has governed Ireland, we find things much in the same way. Pages of her history have been stained with tears of blood; civil troubles and insurrections appear, and constantly reappear, in the records of her sad and dismal history. The late Home Secretary, who spoke last session with a power which the House must have admired if they did not envy, and who spoke, I think, what he believed, when he referred to the Church in Ireland as a light of the reformation, and he appeared not able to comprehend that this light of the reformation, sustained by privilege, and fanned as it has been by the hot breath of faction, has been not so much a healthy light of the reformation as a scorching fire burning up almost everything noble in the country, and that industry, security, peace and liberty have perished in its rays. Now, Sir, I am for union as much as any gentleman on the other side, but I am for real union. I care nothing at all for the parchment of the fifth article. The parchment will decay and perish, and the words on it will become illegible and be forgotten. The geographical position of the two islands points out to every one that union is natural between them, and I maintain against all comers that a true and solid and just union between Ireland and Great Britain is infinitely better for both of them than any kind of severance can possibly be. But it must be a real union, not of force and weakness trampled on by power. Honorable gentlemen tell us that this measure appears before us only as the result of what in America would be called a Fenian scare, and that for certain events which happened last year the policy of this bill would not have been avowed by the First Minister. Suppose it true, it only is a little more proof to many going before it that it is difficult with popular and party governments to make great and essential reforms except under circumstances which force them absolutely upon the attention of the Parliament. You know very well—Irish as well as English gentlemen—that the Catholic Association led to Catholic emancipation; you know that the detrinement of a Napoleon brought about the Reform bill of 1832. We know—I know, at least—that the desperate condition of affairs in the West Indies freed the slaves of the English colonies. We all know that the famine in Ireland came as the irresistible argument to bring about the repeal of the Corn laws. We know also that the mutiny in India drove the House immediately, and without further consideration, to abolish the East India Company, and make an entire change in the Government of India. And if I were to come down to last night and speak of what happened in 1867, I might ask the right honorable gentleman and his colleagues and his party what were the circumstances that induced to them be enthusiastic in their support of a measure of household suffrage. It is a matter that we feel all deplore that it has required three years of the suspension of the *Habeas Corpus* act in Ireland and those other grievous events that happened in Ireland and England to enable Parliament to make a wise and, we believe, successfully to carry through, a policy which almost every enlightened statesman in Ireland during the last fifty years has hoped for but feared he would not see realized. Then we are told that discontents in America is also a very serious thing, and we are told that Fenianism has caused this bill. We cannot deny that the existence of this disturbing cause in America is unfortunate and irritating; but *the theory of the Government is that the remedy which will heal in part or in whole the disorders in Ireland will heal much of the discontent of the Irishmen everywhere.* There is not an Irishman in the American colonies or in North America who is not watching the course of the English Parliament on this question, and unless his spirit has been maddened to that state of resistance when he will listen to no reason and to no fact, he is probably feeling a softening disposition toward the Imperial Government and toward this House for the measures which we are now attempting to carry through. I can tell honorable members opposite that the Fenian agitation in America has been felt to a considerable extent by a certain sympathy on the part of the people of the United States—I mean the natives of those States, who really do believe that we have never done justice to the native country of Irishmen. I believe that Irishmen will still emigrate when we have done what may be done this session and next. The right honorable gentleman is much afraid that something desperate is about to be done with regard to the land. So far as I am concerned, he may rely upon this, that nothing will be done with regard to the land which the principles of political economy will not support, and which everything moral and just in the conduct of political affairs may not fairly undertake. I say that the great Republic will still invite vast numbers of the population of Ireland, but I believe they will go there no longer as emigrants, and that the complaint made by Lord NORTON long ago as the first American war will be at length put an end to, and that England will not henceforth find her greatest enemies on the American Continent in those who have issued from the shores of the United Kingdom. Sir, I will not go into the details of this bill, for this reason, that we are now only on the second reading of it; but, so far as I have been able to gather of public opinion, the bill meets the views of the public. It is whole and complete, and it deals fairly and justly with all those who can claim compensation under it. If there is anybody or any class in Ireland who have a right to complain, it surely must be the 4,000,000 or 5,000,000 of Roman Catholics. Whatever may be the opinion of any member of this House on the question of the Catholic Church, I think it will be felt that in this bill the very least has been done in compensation for the Catholics and their Church that it was possible for any just Government to propose. I do not suppose I shall come within the range of the wishes of the honorable and learned member for the University of Dublin. His speech to-night has been generally a complaint that this bill has adopted the voluntary principle for Ireland; that the voluntary principle was bad; that what should have been done was to give an increased grant to Maynooth, and to have elevated the teaching there. In point of fact, the doctrine first avowed last session, and then repudiated and denied, has been brought forward in a more daring manner to-night. And almost the heaviest complaint against the bill is that it has established the voluntary principle in Ireland instead of the Roman Catholic Church, and we are told of the desperate evil that will come when, instead of one voluntary and discontented Church, we shall have three. Surely, the right honorable gentleman and his learned colleagues could not have supposed that the House would be taken in by anything so very small and shallow as that! The Catholic Church in Ireland is not now discontented because it is not endowed, but because a smaller and in numbers an insignificant Church is established there, not by the power and consent of Irishmen, but by the power and will of the Imperial Parliament. And to this small and comparatively insignificant Church has been handed over all the ecclesiastical revenues which belonged in ancient times, and which now justly belong to the whole of the Irish nation. But some honorable gentlemen opposite have a great feeling for the congregations. So have I. I think that the congregations have a right to excite the sympathy of Parliament. But I have seen other congregations and how they have emerged from their difficulties. In 1843 nearly five hundred ministers of the Church of Scotland, not waiting for an act of Parliament to disendow them, walked out of their manses. They left many charming residences and many nice churches, and they quitted the house in which they had spent many of the happiest years of their lives. They went out as a Church absolutely naked. There was not a church left for them, nor a glebe house, nor a curtilage, nor a commutation, nor, we will be bound to say, with a single good wish or "God bless you" from any man on that side of the House. Do not tell us that your Irish Protestant congregations are feebler or worse than the congregations in Scotland. What have they done since in Scotland? It may be told in a sentence, although it would take weeks to survey it all. They have built 900 churches, not less than 650 manses for the residence of their ministers, 600 schools, three theological colleges, and two training institutions. And during the last three years—I have not seen the accounts further back—they have raised on average by voluntary subscription of their members not less than $570,000 per annum. And during the twenty-five years that have elapsed since these 900 ministers walked out of the Established Church, their congregations have voluntarily contributed a sum exceeding £8,000,000 sterling. And yet the learned member for Dublin University has the courage to say in the presence of many members of the Nonconformist body that the ministers of the voluntary churches are rather of a low class; that they are not high born. As to being high born, I think the prophets of old were many of them graziers. The apostles were fishermen and handicraftsmen. It was a religion, as we are told, to which "not many noble and not many mighty were called." It may be that in this age and in this country the light of the Reformation and of Christianity may be carried through the land by men of humble birth with just as much success as may attend a man who is born in a great station, or in palaces. The right honorable gentleman the member for Bucks argued very much in favor of the Established Church on the ground that there ought to be some place into which people could get who would not readily be admitted anywhere else. The fact is that what the right honorable gentleman says is this: That we should have an Established Church which has no discipline, and that any one who would live up to what may be called a gentlemanly conformity to it, may pass through the world as a very satisfactory sort of a Christian. Sir, those are arguments that I should be ashamed to use. If I were a churchman, I would either find better arguments or keep silence, and if I were forced to keep silence, I should be obliged to give up believing that the Church was much better than the Nonconformist body. My opinion is that honorable gentlemen opposite do a great injustice to the Protestants of Ireland. Is there any reason why in the north of Ireland the Presbyterians should be any less liberal or energetic than their countrymen of the Free Church of Scotland? And if they are equal to the Scotch, why should the Episcopal Protestants of Ireland, when they are free from the trammels of the State, be less active or successful than their neighbors, the Presbyterians of Ireland, and their other coreligionists the Presbyterians of Scotland? I believe that your sickly offspring of privilege and favoritism may become the robust champion of the light of the Reformation. And, perhaps, we may live to see the day when the right honorable gentleman will make a recantation of this bill. Long and successful, who only a few years ago was Prime Minister of this country, told me in 1856, when I was staying at his house in Scotland, that no public event connected with Scotland had, during his long life, caused him so much pain as the secession from the Church of Scotland. But he added that he lived long enough to see that all his lamentation and fear were vain, and that it had been one of the very happiest transactions that ever came to his country. He spoke of the new churches and the schools, and said that great additional life was spread through the whole people. If this also happened in Ireland, we should see the light of the Reformation, which glimmers now so faintly that no man can see it, may become a light shining over much of that island. And it may be satisfactory to hope that Catholicism, in its extreme Ultramontane sense, may give place to more liberal religion and approximate nearer to that which we think better—the faith and the religion of the Protestant Churches. It is too late to-night to enter upon the question of the surplus, but there is one thing I should like to say about it, and I say it in the hearing of the honorable and learned friend, (Sir R. PALMER,) who, as I understand, takes a different view of this question from some on this side. JOHN WICKLIFFE, as the House knows, was 500 years ago born in the town of Richmond, and he was, perhaps, the first and greatest of the English Reformers. JOHN WICKLIFFE was obliged to consider this question of religious endowments, and he said if Churches made a bad use of their endowments princes are bound to take them away from them. So, if endowments are found to be a curse to the Church, it is lawful to take them to other uses. I sometimes wonder how it is in that in five hundred years we make so little progress in some subjects. This was the opinion of JOHN WICKLIFFE in the fourteenth century, and we are now defending and discussing it in this House moderately and fairly, and a right honorable gentleman get up and condemn as almost sacrilege and spoliation on the part of Parliament to deal with the endowments of this State Church of Ireland. Then as to the uses to which these endowments are put. If I were particular on the point, I should say that many of these endowments, I should even then be satisfied with the provisions of this bill, for after all I hope it is not far from Christianity to charity. We know the Divine Founder of our faith has left much more of the doings of a compassionate and loving nature than of the dogma. I am not able to give the verses or the chapter, but what always strikes one most in reading the narratives of the Gospels is how much of compassion there was, how much of dealing kindly with all that were sick and all that were suffering. Now, I think it is a most appropriate thing that the surplus funds of this great transaction to apply them to some objects such as those described in the bill! Don't you think that such charitable dealing will be better than continuing to maintain by these vast funds three times the number of clergymen that can be by any legitimate use to the Church with which they are connected? We can do little, it is true. We cannot reflume the extinguished lamp of reason; we cannot make the deaf to hear; we cannot make the dumb to speak; it is not given to us—

"From the blind to bring the visual ray,
And on the nightly wanderer shine the day."

But at least we can lessen the load of affliction, and we can make life more tolerable to vast numbers who suffer. Sir, when I look at this great measure—and I can assure the House I have looked at it much more than the majority of members, for I have seen it grow from line to line, and from clause to clause, and I have watched its growth and completion with a great and increasing interest—I say when I look at this measure, I look at it as tending to a more true and solid union between Ireland and Great Britain. I seek it as giving tranquility to our people. When you have a better remedy I at least will fairly consider it. I say I see tranquility given to our people, greater strength to the realm, and new lustre and new dignity added to the Crown. I dare claim for this bill the support of all thoughtful and good people within the bounds of the British Empire, and I cannot doubt that it will be accompanied by the blessing of the Supreme in its beneficent results; for I believe it to be founded upon those principles of justice and of mercy which are the glorious attributes of His eternal throne.

The debate was then adjourned on the motion of Sir R. PALMER.

Anti-disestablishment Declaration of Protestant Laymen of Ireland.

The Protestant laymen of Ireland have issued a "declaration" against the disestablishment of the Irish Church which occupies nearly two columns in the *Times*. It asserts among other things that the glebe lands and tithes which were taken from the monasteries at the Reformation were all either given or sold to laymen, in whose possession they still continue; and that the residue of the tithes "was never transferred by the State from the Roman Catholic to the Protestant Church;" but "the Bishops of the Irish Church at the time of the Reformation adopted the reformed doctrine and services, and, with two exceptions, continued the Bishops of the Irish Church after the Reformation." So that, the declaration contends, "unless the great principle of the Reformation, by which the supremacy of the Crown was substituted for the supremacy of the Pope, be denied and departed from, the bishops and incumbents now in possession of the glebe lands and the tithe rentcharge (for which the tithes were commuted) are the legitimate successors of the bishops and incumbents in whom the property of the Church was vested before the Reformation, and as such are the rightful possessors of that property." To seize and sequester the property and endowments of the Irish Establishment, the declaration asserts, would not only be "in direct violation of all securities for the possession of property, and shake to their very foundation all titles to land in Ireland, but would sanction principles tending to uproot the plantation of Ulster, and, instead of being in accordance with the dictates of justice, would be fraught with the greatest injustice and wrong, and, instead of promoting peace and good-will among Roman Catholics and Protestants, would embitter strife and perpetuate animosity, both civil and religious, in every part of Ireland." The document is signed by about fifty peers, headed by the Duke of ABERCORN, about seventeen members of Parliament, and by upwards of 1,600 deputy lieutenants, magistrates, and other country gentlemen.

THE AMERICAN REPUBLIC.

The Past and the Future—President Johnson's Administration and General Grant's Policy—Speculations of the British Press.

From the London Times, March 19.

It is possible almost to feel the instantaneous change which mid-day brought on the 4th of this month to the United States and the Western hemisphere. Circumstances and characters have combined with the peculiarities of the political machine to make the transition as sudden and violent as possible. The late President fell on evil times, and was specially wanting in the powers necessary to cope with them. Bred in the school of faction, a Constitutionalist even to pedantry, but unable either to interpret that Constitution or to meet its exigencies with practical wisdom, he could only reflect, in his troubled, undignified, and ineffective career, the agitation of a sea over which a hurricane had exhausted itself. The task of coping with the storm itself was hardly more difficult than that of smoothing the transition and reconciling with that part of the wreck a new state of things. So fortuitously had Mr. JOHNSON come into that mighty powerlessness, that Providence was thanked in three days for removing the soft and gentle LINCOLN to make way for the stern instant and iron rule of his successor. But, whatever prejudices were conceived and intentions avowed in the Heaven-sent President, unsuccessful designs rejected measures, and disregarded vetoes prove that the citizens of the Great Republic have rather governed themselves than been governed, or directed, or controlled, during the last four years. The career that began with flame has ended in smoke. All that remained on the 4th of this month was to calculate explanations not longer worth reading, to provoke those who cared not for Mr. JOHNSON's censure, and to decline the customary share in the inaugural pageant of the day. Mr. JOHNSON may be a well-intentioned and honest man, but he is now Mr. JOHNSON, and no more; and *he has left no personal impress on the four years which Fate had given him to call his own.* By his own bearing toward his successor Mr. JOHNSON himself testifies to the condemnation and the failure of his own impotence. He seeks to make the break between the two Presidencies as great as possible. General GRANT has been elected on the credit of a character and qualifications the very contrary of those once assumed or discovered to be possessed by his predecessor. He is a successful soldier, a man of temper, common sense, and practical ability; without party, without even political friends, and apparently with no opinion or preference, except what is best for the Union. All that he says has the simplicity which marked the old type of patriots, and which made the great men of the last age almost admiration. Some of the phrases enjoyed by the new President suggests that he has yet to learn politics, to see his way, and to find out his duty. They also show that he feels that duty to be arduous, to cost effort, and to involve sacrifices. It is a spirit so strange to that in which more than half the world regard any post of eminence and power, that it may not be every where appreciated, but it is the spirit that nearest corresponds to the actual truth of the case.

We, however, in this old country think much about political growth and development. We hold that States change, and Constitutions also; we see that new circumstances require new adjustments; and, meanwhile, in spite of our strong constitutional ideas and our boast of self-government, we all believe that, at least in the growing states of a country, the personal character of the Sovereign ruler tells for a good deal. So we naturally look at President GRANT with a curiosity and a speculative interest that may seem strange to the citizens who have accepted his brief magistracy. Is it nothing that the hero of a civil war has been conducted, as it were, in one triumphal procession to the Presidential chair? Is it nothing that various parties hail in him the strong, yet neutral, and hitherto untried statesman who shall retrieve the politics of the Union, and redeem it from weakness, vacillation, and uncertainty? The weak desire a strong arm, the wandering crave sure guidance, the perplexed seek any certainty, and whatever pretends to it; when truth tottters, expediency asserts its claims. In the present state of American politics there is an evident craving with which we are familiar enough here; *it is the crowing for a strong Government.* We may all give our hearts' allegiance and our first vote to some cherished principle or some golden ideal; but there are times when we all give our second thought to the Pilot that shall weather the storm, or the strong arm that will protect us and carry us through. Writers and talkers somewhat insolently ascribe to the infancy of peoples and States an excessive admiration of Herculean qualities and powers. Not a few modern instances have proved that the fathers still live in their children in this respect, and that men of power, men of decision, and men of action may still seize the prizes and dictate the policies of great nations. But what example will America follow in this respect? Will she advance in the footsteps of this country, or those of our grandfathers? In this country it has long been noticed that soldier after soldier rises to glory and sinks into powerlessness. To-day he is a household name, and to-morrow he is no more. He makes history, and becomes historical even while he are counting his achievements. There are in this country so many deep-seated and abiding powers, dignities, ranks and honors that self-made greatness can only achieve a sort of meteor track through our skies. The greater it is the less can it find a resting-place and a basis for dangerous aggrandisement. In a social system in which every body has his place, most of all the man who has made his own place. One signal instance marks all the difference between England and France. Will the United States ever go that way? Without going so far yet, will they for the present content themselves with leaving to any political recommendations the strong, simple, dutiful character of the good soldier—the man who feels himself under the authority of principle and at the call of a broad and comprehensive patriotism? Statesmen, of course, will always have their vocation, for soldiers can no longer dictate to their political superiors than Kings or any other fortuitous depositaries of power. It is manifest, too, that the choice of the Chief Magistrate must always tell, in the mind of the people as well as in actual government.

Territorial ambition, lust of power and thirst of glory have been rarely described as the peculiar objects of military tempers and military notions; above all, as the vices of Kings. There cannot be a greater mistake or a belief that more requires qualification. The Congress which expired with President JOHNSON had no power to look cave to lay down beforehand what they hoped from his military successor. *They gave him Cuba for his work, and whatever else the right of perpetual annexation might suggest to his spirit of enterprise.* It is not the American soldier, it is the citizen, whose glory or his chief existence to be in the glory and the greatness of the Federation, who is always growing up to the immense idea, and looking wistfully at anything wanting to its completion. President JOHNSON's Government cannot be charged with any weakness in the shape of compromise or conciliation, or any of the principles by which foreign States may be made equal neighbors and loving friends. *So far General Grant shows even in a pacific light, in contrast with some manifestations from his predecessor.* It is the jealousy of a patriot and the sensitive honor of a soldier that he betrays rather than the undisciplined passions of those who sit at home and dream of conquest. But how is it with the people who have elected him for other qualities, and not the least, because he is "a mighty man of valor" and has delivered the Union? Will they love his greatness the better for its modesty and content? Have they put the sword in his hand that he may entwine it with myrtle? That is the question we have to ask, and to which time only can bring a reply.

FRANCE.

Terrible Explosion in Paris—Four Men Blown to Pieces and Many Injured—Nitro-Glycerine Outdone.

Paris (March 17) Correspondence of the Morning Herald.

Paris has become a city of such magnificent distances that news takes about as long to travel from one part of it to another as a telegram from Calcutta to reach London. Thus it is that only this morning the inhabitants of the right bank of the Seine were made acquainted with the fact that yesterday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, a fearful accident had taken place in the Quarter Latin, which was attended with a good many casualties, but nothing like as many as from its nature might have been expected. Some of your readers know the narrow square on which the Sorbonne stands. At one of the angles is a house, the ground floor and basement of which are, or rather were, occupied by M. FONTAINE, a manufacturer of chemical products. M. FONTAINE is, moreover, an inventor, and has been rewarded with the Legion of Honor for having discovered a new explosive substance wherewith to load submarine torpedoes. This substance is a salt of potassium, (*picrate de potasse* the papers call it,) and its peculiarity seems to be that even in a state of moisture it is sightlessly shock will explode it as readily as if it were dry fulminating powder. M. FONTAINE had been ordered to pack up a small parcel of twenty-five kilos. (fifty pounds) of this explosive compound, and dispatch it to Toulon by rail. According to the most coherent account I have been able to obtain, he was leaning on the counter of his shop, and being rather in the way one of the men in his employ took it up and flung it into a corner. The shock ignited the picrate, and a fearful explosion immediately took place, reducing the shop and every man in it to fragments. Human limbs were flung over the houses adjoining. A policeman standing over the way had his head knocked clean off. One man was hurled bodily over the Sorbonne, and was dashed against a house in the Boulevard St. Jacques, the gory pulp which is his body now reduced to sticking to the walls. In an adjoining house a human cheek was picked up. Every window within a mile was blown in, and a good many people were wounded by the fragments of glass. All this took place in considerably less than a minute; then the chemicals in the shop, set on fire by the explosion, threw up a jet of flame, and a regular panic set in among the inmates of all the houses in the square. One woman, in a state of blind terror, leaped out a window, and fractured her thighs; M. TAILLADE, the well-known actor of the Odeon, also jumped out of his window, three stories high, but escaped with only a few bruises. The firemen, police and military soon arrived, and the house being built in substantial stone the fire was soon out under, but the street, having been demolished by the explosion, the terror-stricken inmates were rescued from danger—though the danger was then over, and fancied rather than real—through the windows by means of ladders. It is certain that four persons are killed, and that it chosen or so are more or less seriously wounded; but the general belief is that the casualties are far more numerous, and that many authorities withhold them. At the Morgue a few fragments of charred flesh, which have no appearance of ever having belonged to human beings, have been conveyed. The son of M. FONTAINE, who was in the basement, was killed, and not a single vestige of him left. The tremendous power of this new compound is thus but too well proved, but it is evidently very dangerous to handle, and it makes one shudder to think of such a compound being carelessly pitched to the ground by the porters in a crowded railway station, and the house being built in substantial stone the fire was soon out under, but the street, having been demolished by the explosion, the terror-stricken inmates were rescued from danger—though the danger was then over, and fancied rather than real—through the windows by means of ladders. It is certain that four persons are killed, and that it chosen or so are more or less seriously wounded; but the general belief is that the casualties are far more numerous, and that many authorities withhold them. At the Morgue a few fragments of charred flesh, which have no appearance of ever having belonged to human beings, have been conveyed. The son of M. FONTAINE, who was in the basement, was killed, and not a single vestige of him left. The tremendous power of this new compound is thus but too well proved, but it is evidently very dangerous to handle, and it makes one shudder to think of such a compound being carelessly pitched to the ground by the porters in a crowded railway station. I think it likely that the French railway companies will in future decline to convey M. FONTAINE's small parcels of "picrate of potassium" to Toulon or elsewhere.

The aspect of the Place de Sorbonne this afternoon was most curious. In every house in the neighborhood glaziers were hard at work putting in the windows, carpenters shoring up the houses shaken to their foundations by the blow-up. Their front walls look as if they had been riddled with heavy shot. Of course all manner of false circulate among the crowd, and the usual observers can't fail to notice that the French talent for invention is as great as ever.

A RUSSIAN TRAGEDY.

A Unique Murder Trial and its Denouement.

St. Petersburg (March 6) Correspondence of the Morning Post.

We have just witnessed the *dénouement* of a trial for murder, almost unique of its kind, which has excited even more than the usual amount of morbid interest and curiosity. The details of the case are so striking in themselves, and bear so singular a resemblance to those of De QUINCEY's famous masterpiece of horror, the Ratcliffe Highway murders of 1812, whether as regards the artistic character of the leading features in the tragedy, the exterminating nature of the crime, or the temporary impunity and ultimate detection of the criminal, that it may be worth while to give a brief outline. In the Gnesnoi Perezoloi stands a quiet, comfortable house, inhabited in the Summer of 1867 by a Russian officer, a lady passing for his wife, a young servant girl and a boy of 13. To this house, on a fine Summer evening, comes a stout middle-aged woman, DARYA SOUKROFF by name, who has formerly been a nurse in the family—a commonplace-looking woman enough, but for her strangely restless eyes, which appear to take in everything without looking straight at anything. Her tale is soon told; she has come in from the country this morning with butter and fresh eggs, which she has unluckily failed to dispose of; the afternoon train is already gone—will they give her shelter for the night? The master of the house assents, and she curls herself up beside the kitchen stove, and is soon asleep. Between 2 and 3 in the morning she rises cautiously, and gropes about for a box-iron which she remembers having observed on the dresser. It is still fresh from its work, as the user left it; but this night there is other work for it to do, which shall make it famous throughout the whole capital. The heads of the household are sleeping peacefully, when a stealthy tread glides into the room; and, by the dim light of the night lamp, a shadowy hand is seen to rise and fall twice, with a dull thud like a lump on a padded floor—a very faint noise, such as would hardly break the rest of a child; yet each sound is the knell of a human life. So far all is well; but two witnesses still remain—a single cry from either and all is lost. One swift, sure stroke changes the quiet sleep of the young girl into a deeper slumber; and now the boy only is left. As the Evil Presence bends over him, he turns and moans in his sleep, as if striving to rise; but, before he can wake, the blow falls which "makes all sure." Another blow brains the pet spaniel that sleeps at the foot of the bed; and the little playmates lie dead side by side, while the destroyer hurries to her booty. Several drawers and an escritoir are forced, and various articles of jewelry, &c., seized; the bank notes she rejects, having coolness to reflect, even in that moment of deadly peril, that they may perhaps fix suspicion on her; all else is rifled. In the gray of the early morning she glides out into the deserted streets, and is soon in the train which will carry her home, chatting pleasantly with the two or three market people who are her companions; while the orphaned dwelling that she has left peopled with dead stares blankly at the rising sun through its silent windows, awaiting the coming discovery.

For thirteen months the bloodhounds of the law course upon an uncertain scent; for thirteen months the murderer lives peacefully in her quiet village home, undisturbed by remorse for the past or apprehension for the future. At length, the slightest of all possible clues—merely the coincidence of a Christian name found on some article of clothing dropped in her flight—perseveringly followed up through months of unsuccessful investigation, brings down the long-impending retribution. She is arrested, confesses her crime; denies again; and remains stubborn in her denial. All efforts to shake her firmness prove abortive; the possession of the stolen articles is insufficient circumstantial evidence to bring home the charge against her there; the crime, too, she has taken care to insure; finally, she is sentenced to twelve years' penal servitude—Siberia engulfs her, and nothing is left save her portrait and her history.

Atrocious Murder of a Little Girl.

From the Macon (Ga.) Journal and Messenger, March 26.

From a letter received from Mr. S. R. GOODE, of Vienna, and from a conversation with Mr. MADISON JONES, of this place, who reached Macon yesterday afternoon, direct from the scene of the crimes below related, we gather the particulars of one of the most horrible affairs we have ever heard of.

On Tuesday morning last, about 8 o'clock, two little girls, aged respectively 8 and 10 years, and named MARTHA HOLLAND and EMMA STANCILL were passing on their way to school, by a field belonging to a person named BROWN, in which field there was at work a negro man named REDDIAN BROWN, aged 25 years. As they came close to him he leaped the fence, and seizing them in his arms commenced to kiss and fondle them, saying, as he did so, that if they screamed or made the slightest resistance he would kill them. The younger one, MARTHA HOLLAND, frightened almost to death, did scream, and he instantly seized her, drew his knife from his pocket, and cut her throat almost from ear to ear, severing windpipe and arteries. The poor little thing gave one groan and fell to the ground dead.

The scoundrel then dragged the corpse a short distance and covered it with pine tops. Returning to the other girl, he gagged and bound her, after taking her watch and other trifles. During the day he returned at intervals, and attempted to add another crime to the one already committed. Toward evening he went off after a spade, with the supposed intention of first killing the bound girl and then using the spade to bury both beside the other grave. While he was absent the girl, who had been picking all day at the rope that bound her wrist, succee

WASHINGTON.

The House Agrees to a Conference on the Tenure-of-Office Bill.

A Motion to Recede from Its Position Lost by a Heavy Majority.

Proposed Plan for the Redistribution of the Currency.

The Paraguayan Difficulties Before the House.

Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, March 30.

The Tenure-of-Office matter is finally in Committee of Conference. The request of the Senate came to the House during the morning hour, and Mr. BUTLER immediately moved that it be agreed to, pending which General BOTKIN moved that the House recede from its disagreement, which motion took precedence, but which was lost by yeas 45, nays 105—a considerably stronger vote than that of Friday, when the House refused to concur. The request for conference was then agreed to without a division. The managers on the part of the House were then appointed—Messrs. BUTLER, G. S. WASHBURN and BINGHAM, Republicans—two for repeal and one against. The Committee will hold their first meeting to-morrow morning. To some people this looks like a disagreement, but it is reported this evening that BINGHAM, and also Senator TRUMBULL, who is one of the Senate managers, are willing to compromise on an amendment striking out the third section, which provides the manner of making appointments during the recess, and inserting a provision requiring the President to report to the Senate within thirty days after it assembles all appointments made during the recess. This leaves nothing but the shadow of the bill, only just enough, in fact, to save the Senate from the humiliation of absolute surrender. Should such a report be made to the House it will, without much doubt, be agreed to. The final conclusion of the matter by Thursday is now confidently anticipated.

THE SUPPLEMENTAL CURRENCY BILL PASSED.

The Senate to-night, after seven hours' discussion, passed the Supplementary Currency bill in a modified form. A reference to dispatches elsewhere will show that the amendment of Mr. WILSON to increase the bonded debt by $400,000, so as not to disturb the circulation of those States which now have no circulation, was adopted by a vote of 31 to 15. The amendment of Senator MORGAN to withdraw thirty millions, was agreed to by a direct majority, by a vote of forty-five. Among the provisions of the bill, as it now stands, is one requiring the banks to return the amount required of them within ninety days after notice shall have been given.

REDISTRIBUTION OF CURRENCY.

The question of the redistribution of the national bank currency has been informally considered by the House Banking Committee, but they have resolved to take no action until the Senate bill reaches them. The Comptroller of the Currency has placed in the hands of General GARFIELD, Chairman, a proposition to adjust the currency, which certainly possesses considerable merit. The only question about it is the possibility of effecting an exchange of the present bonds for those bearing as low a rate as four per cent. interest. The plan, in brief, is as follows: Bonds now held by the Treasurer of the United States as security for circulation of national banks, six per cent. interest in gold, $307,000,000 principal, $18,420,000 interest. Five per cent. interest in gold, $67,120,000 principal, $3,356,000 interest. Six per cent. interest in currency, $16,625,000 principal, $1,111,000 interest. Total, $391,000,000 principal, $22,887,000 interest. Annual interest paid on bonds now held by the Treasurer of the United States, $22,887,000; and, taken four per cent. bonds, which, at eighty per cent., would secure $488,750,000 national bank circulation, interest would be $17,590,000. Amount of interest saved annually, $5,297,000. Estimating the bonds bearing six per cent. interest in gold at an average premium of twelve per cent. and the bonds bearing five per cent. interest in gold at an average premium of five and a half per cent., and the bonds bearing six per cent. currency interest at par, it would take $387,000,000 of the four per cent. bonds to take them up, and $375,000,000 four per cent. bonds, at eighty per cent., would secure $300,000,000 circulation, the amount now out. The remaining $87,000,000 four per cent. bonds would secure $69,600,000 circulation, and being sold for cash, would furnish $60,000,000 United States notes to be deducted in lieu of the national bank notes, and would furnish $24,000,000 besides, which could be applied to the purchase and cancellation of any other United States interest-bearing securities. Mr. HULBURD submits the draft of a bill carrying out these provisions, which he thinks desirable.

THE PRESIDENT'S NERVES.

The President was much better to-day, the inflammation and neuralgic pain in the face having decreased very sensibly. He was at his desk as usual, saw numerous visitors and notes Cabinet at the usual hour, the session lasting until after 3 o'clock.

PARAGUAYAN DIFFICULTIES.

The House Committee on Foreign Affairs met this morning and began the taking of testimony on the case of our Paraguayan difficulties. Mr. Minister WASHBURN was examined at length. He gave the facts in detail of the press and Masterman imbroglio with Lopez, and his own connection therewith, and also a full history of LOPEZ's outrageous conduct toward the American Legation and other prominent foreigners. There were no new facts developed, however, that have not been stated in the published correspondence. Forney O. BLISS, Esq., who has latterly been at his home in Cattaraugus County, New-York, and who suffered great indignities at the hands of LOPEZ, will arrive here in a day or two and give his testimony before the Committee.

THE WHISKY AND TOBACCO BILL.

The House to-day defeated for several hours the Supplementary Whisky and Tobacco Tax bill, which provides additional safeguards in the collection of the tax, especially on tobacco. Mr. ALLISON, of Iowa, took strong ground against the section extending the time for removing whisky from bonded warehouses, and it was finally stricken out by yeas 88, nays 48. The bill was then passed.

COMMG TO PANAMA.

Dr. LORD, of Illinois, will be nominated for Consul to Panama, vice General THOMAS KEENE SMITH, of Pennsylvania.

SENATOR SPRAGUE IN THE ARENA.

Senator SPRAGUE, pending the discussion on the Currency bill to-day, made another speech, which in novelty and boldness surpassed all his previous efforts. For nearly an hour and a half he inveighed against the legislation of Congress, handling his brother Senators with unclothed hands, warning them of the evils of their course, and like one voice in the wilderness announcing not the coming of a great reformer but of an indignant people to break the scepter of their power and hurl them from their places. Almost every sentence of his speech contained in allusion to Congressmen such characteristic and by no means flattering phrases as: "Senators corrupt wherever they touch." "If there is any man in this Senate who can withstand the corrupting influences which surround him, he is more than a god." "I have never heard so much indifference displayed on any question as on this—the financial—here to-day." He charged the Senate as being responsible for the political, social and moral condition of the country, and held that the Government is tottering down by the office-seeking process on it. The tendency of legislation was [illegible] SPRAGUE, whatever spicing Senators may obtain of his views, was listened to attentively both by them and by the galleries. His delivery is very poor, and it is absolutely painful to listen to him. His ideas seem to have no connection whatever, and his sentences lack all method. He does not pay the slightest attention to the old precept relative to the division of an argument, and suggests at regardless of the rules of rhetoric as of the decline of his brother Senator, Mr. ANTHONY replied to Mr. SPRAGUE to-day, differing in toto from his colleague, and maintaining that the world was not so bad as Mr. SPRAGUE represented it to be. But Mr. SPRAGUE was not to be driven from his position—that the industries of the country, as they are at present conducted, are enriching the people of the United States.

THE MONTHLY DEBT.

Among other changes in the manner of making the monthly debt statement, it may be stated that hereafter the amount of bonds issued to each of the Pacific Railroads will be given, with the amount of interest that has accrued, the amount which each Company has paid, and the amount paid by the Government.

THE PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENTS.

The resolution of the House providing for an adjournment on the 6th of April, was received in the Senate to-day. Mr. SUMNER appeared to be very much amused at the intelligence, and exclaimed, "Is it possible?" The anxiety of the House to get away was the subject of considerable merriment in the body for a few minutes.

THE CENTRAL PACIFIC RAILROAD.

The House Committee on the Pacific Railroad did not meet to-day as Mr. Vice-President HULT-INGTON, of the Central Road, indignantly demanded, but they will begin their investigation into the pond-subsidy business to-morrow. The question at issue, over which the fight is brewing, is whether Ogden or Monument Point shall be the place of junction, and whether the Central Company shall retain the two millions of bonds loaned on their grading between those two places. It looks from this stand-point as though the Union Pacific people have justice on their side, while the Central people have the law on theirs.

THE INDIAN APPROPRIATION BILL.

The Indian Appropriation bill comes up as the unfinished business to-morrow. It will probably be passed by the Senate in two or three hours, when it will go to the House for concurrence. The disposition of it will remove one of the important measures which must be acted on before final adjournment.

THE EIGHT-HOUR LAW.

The Secretary of the Navy, in his letter to the House Naval Committee asking for the repeal of the Eight-hour law, says that such a course is rendered absolutely necessary from the fact that owing to the reduction of the appropriations the necessary business cannot be transacted, the operation of the law having the effect of increasing the expenses nearly one-third.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL OF WISCONSIN.

The only nomination sent to the Senate to-day was that of CHAS. S. HAMILTON, of Fond du Lac, Wis., late Major-General United States Volunteers, to be United States Marshal for that State. Here is another chance for the *World's* vitriol-thrower. General HAMILTON, besides being a brave and excellent soldier—a disqualification in its eyes—was a classmate of General GRANT at West Point. The President knows the man whom he has appointed, hence, according to his enemies, he ought not to have appointed him.

COLLECTOR GRINNELL'S COMMISSION SIGNED.

The commission of MOSES H. GRINNELL as Collector of the Port of New-York, was signed by the President to-day.

COLORED MEN SEEKING OFFICE.

The office of Mr. RICE, the new Superintendent of the Treasury Department, was besieged this morning by colored men, who sought positions about the building as laborers. There were over one hundred applicants.

Dispatches to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, March 30.

COMMITTEE ON RECONSTRUCTION.

The Committee on Reconstruction, by a strict party vote, to-day agreed to report General BUTLER'S Georgia bill.

APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULAR APPOINTMENTS.

The entire mass of applications for situations under the Government, Ministers, Consuls, &c., have been classified and arranged at the State Department, and placed in regular order according to the weight of recommendations appended to each. The appointments will be made from time, so as to give the several States their due proportion of them. All due regard is being paid to the strength in the Department in all cases.

TEXAS RECONSTRUCTION.

About fifty Texas gentlemen appeared before the Reconstruction Committee this morning. Governor HAMILTON stated the case for the party which asks to vote upon the new Constitution, and discussed the equal right and suffrage clauses.

Some conversation arose between the Committee and the speaker as to the true meaning of the disfranchisement section, which is copied from the new Constitution of South Carolina. Governor HAMILTON contended that those only can vote who can hold office under the Fourteenth Amendment; that an interpretation being questioned, and the member from South Carolina having remarked that he one is now a disqualified voter in South Carolina, Governor HAMILTON said, if that be the interpretation, so much the better. General BUTLER said, that is explicit enough. Governor HAMILTON then spoke against all the disqualifications as a permanency. The further hearing was then adjourned until Thursday.

Major WALKER MCFARLAND, Corps of Engineers, has been assigned to the charge of the harbor improvements of Lake Erie, west of Cleveland, Ohio.

THE CENTRAL PACIFIC BONDS.

The testimony before the Senate Committee goes to show that there has been no over-issue of Government Bonds to the Central Pacific Railroad Company. The bonds were issued in accordance with the law and the facts, and after the opinion of Attorney-General EVARTS had been given to the effect that the Secretary of the Treasury could no longer withhold them, under s. 6 of the act of 1864, authorizing the issue of two-thirds the amount of bonds upon the completion of the work in advance of the laying of the rails.

It is also shown that the Union Pacific Road is far from being completed to Ogden, as alleged. In the Echo and Weber Canyons of the Wasatch Mountains, thirty miles east of Ogden, there are several miles of temporary track with grades exceeding 80 feet to the mile, in use, upon which the Union Pacific Company have received the full quota of bonds, although the road is not built upon the approved line of survey, and two tunnels are still unfinished, one of which will not be completed till the 20th of April, by which time the Central Pacific Company will have reached Ogden City with its completed track.

NOMINATION BY THE PRESIDENT.

The President to-day sent only one nomination to the Senate, namely that of CHAS. S. HAMILTON, to be Marshal for the District of Wisconsin. General HAMILTON was a classmate of President GRANT at West Point, and served during the late war, principally in the Southwest, as Major-General.

THE EAST RIVER BRIDGE.

By direction of the Secretary of War, a commission will assemble in the City of New-York on the 21st inst., to examine and report upon the subject of a bridge across the East River, between Brooklyn and New-York, under the act of Congress of the 3d inst. The Commission will be guided by instructions to be communicated by the Secretary of War, and composed of the following: Brevet Major-Generals E. G. WEITZEL and JOHN NEWTON, and Brevet Major W. E. KING, of the Engineer Corps. Major KING will act as Recorder.

COLORED OFFICE-SEEKERS.

The new Superintendent of the Treasury Department was besieged this morning by colored men after positions as laborers about the building. The entire passage in front of his office was crowded, there being over a hundred applicants.

GENERAL MILES RELIEVED.

The Commanding-General of the Department of the South has been ordered to relieve Brevet Major-General N. A. MILES, of the Sixth United [illegible]

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THE GENERAL CONFERENCE HOUSE.

The General Conference House, the church of the Inauguration Ball hold a meeting last evening and resolved to devote the surplus fund of the proceeds of the ball, after paying expenses, to the purchase of CLARK MILLS' statue of President LINCOLN.

GARRISON ON THE WITNESS STAND.

The President received several visitors this morning, among them Senators TIPTON, CONKLING and ROSCOE.

THE CABINET MEETING.

At the Cabinet meeting held to-day all the members were present.

THE REGISTER OF THE TREASURY.

Mr. HALSEY has decided to accept the office of Register of the Treasury, which has been tendered him.

INTERESTING CORRESPONDENCE.

The following correspondence was transmitted to the Senate to-day, in compliance with a resolution adopted by that body on the 17th inst.:

Mr. Cox to President Buchanan.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, Dec. 12, 1860.

SIR: The alarming crisis in our national affairs has caused many patriotic citizens, of all parties, to come hither from the Departments of the Union, and through Congress to the country, the views taken with the most momentous sincerity, for which we have presented to the American people for solution.

With the general principles laid down in that message I fully concur, and I appreciate with warm gratitude its patriotic appeals and suggestions. What measures are competent and proper for the Executive to adopt under existing circumstances, is a subject which has received your most careful attention, and with the earnest hope, as I well know, that Congress, participated in the deliberations, that tranquillity and good feeling may be speedily restored to the distracted and divided Confederacy.

In some points which I deem of vital importance, it has been my misfortune to differ from you. It has been my cordial opinion, which for some time past I have urged at several meetings of the Cabinet, that additional troops should be sent to reinforce the forts in the harbor of Charleston, with orders, if the forts are attacked, should they be attacked, and that an armed vessel should likewise be ordered there to aid. If necessary, in addition, with the consent and the advice of your Cabinet, which I have enjoyed during almost four years without the occurrence of a single case, I may be interrupted the personal intercourse which has so long existed.

I cannot close with your letter without bearing my testimony to the fearless and earnest efforts in the best interest of the Union made and exerted during a term of unexampled trials and troubles, you have sought to discharge the duties of your high position.

Thanking you for the kindness and consideration you have ever shown me, I remain, with sincerity, your obedient servant, JEREMIAH S. BLACK.

Mr. Black to President Buchanan.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18, 1860.

SIR: I have received your resignation of the office of Secretary of State with surprise and regret. After what passed in the Cabinet, I had hoped that the whole force of the administration would be exerted to prevent the secession of the Southern States, and I have had the right, as I thought, to expect that nothing would occur to disappoint that expectation until the Union had been dissolved, or at least until I had had time to consider the question and to prepare for the worst. I have not been consulted about the propriety of sending reinforcements to Charleston harbor, or about any other measure which has taken place since the meeting of Congress. I have not been asked to give an opinion, or even to hear the opinions of others, on any question of public policy. I have not been consulted about the appointment of a successor to Mr. Thomas, or about the appointment of any other person to any place in your Cabinet. I am not even informed of the reasons which induced you to call upon me for the resignation of my office of Attorney-General, which I have held for more than two years, with a view to my promotion to the place of Secretary of State. I cannot close my intercourse with you without asking you to allow me to say that I have always admired the firmness and the patriotic spirit with which you have borne yourself in the trying crisis through which we have passed

THE LATE EX-MAYOR HARPER.

Impressive Obsequies at St. Paul's M. E. Church—Meeting of the Country Members of the Book Trade.

The obsequies of the late JAMES HARPER took place at St. Paul's M. E. Church, corner Fourth-avenue and Twenty-second-street, yesterday afternoon. The doors of the church were opened at 3 o'clock, and immediately the edifice began to fill. Long before the funeral services were begun (3:15 o'clock) every available seat in the church was occupied, and even the vestibule and the aisles were filled with spectators. The seats on either side of the aisle, for some distance back from the reading desk, were reserved for the relatives and for the City officials. Among the prominent gentlemen present at the services were Mayor HALL, Ex-Senator LEVI. JACKSON S. SCHULTZ, General DANIEL E. SICKLES, Judge CHAS. P. DALY, THOS. MCELRATH, Major-General ANDERSON, Gideon RIPLEY, CHAS. NORDHOFF. The members of both branches of the Common Council and the leading book publishers of the City and country were also in attendance; also the leading mechanics, bankers, authors and artists of the City. The coffin was removed from Mr. HARPER'S late residence in Cleanwater Place at 2 o'clock and was borne up the middle aisle at 3:15 o'clock and placed in front of the pulpit. It was of elegant design, of rosewood, mounted with silver, and had a silver plate inscribed with the name, age and date of decease. Leading the procession were Bishop SIMPSON, Rev. Drs. MUHLENBERG, EDGEWAY, ADAMS, MCCLINTOCK and DURBIN. The pall-bearers were Messrs. Peter Cooper, Alexander T. Stewart, Daniel Drew, William Appleton, Geo. Wm. Curtis, George Briggs, J. M. Raymond, Wesley Smith, Edwin Morgan, John A. Hall, Jacob Sharp and James M. Morgan. After the coffin was placed in position it was fairly covered with wreaths of camelias, and crowns and crosses of immortelles. The solemn services were begun by Rev. Dr. ADAMS, who gave out the opening hymn,

"Why should we start and fear to die?
What tiny terrors round us meet?
Death is the gate to endless joy;
And yet we fear to enter there."

Rev. Dr. DURBIN, City Missionary, then offered up prayer; after which Rev. Dr. MCCLINTOCK, President of the Drew Seminary, read appropriate selections of Scripture. Rev. Dr. H. B. RIDGEWAY, pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, then gave out the hymn commencing—

"Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy refuge fly."

This having been sung, Rev. Dr. RIDGEWAY preached the funeral discourse.

They had come together, he said, for the purpose of assisting in appropriate religious services before bearing to the tomb the remains of an eminent citizen and a beloved Christian brother. They had met in family worship awhile before consigning these remains to the earth, so that their hearts may be admonished and cheered with the hope that their deceased friend, though dead, had gained immortal life. This was no ordinary bereavement. The circumstances were such as to render it more painful to contemplate. His wife is sunk in deep affliction, and his children are deprived of their counselor and sweetest friend, while society has lost a valued member. These things are calculated to heighten our grief, and we need all the sustaining influences of Christianity and the saving promises of the Gospel to sustain us in this trying hour. Sufficient as the Christian religion is for all purposes of life, it shines out peculiarly bright in the time of affliction, and amid the scenes of death. We could all see in the present instance attending the death of a just man, a providence, and looking upon death from a religious standpoint, we could point the bereaved family to an eternal reunion beyond the grave; we could point the widow who now sits weeping in her lonely chamber to that God who will be her husband, her Redeemer, and point the bereaved children to Him who is a father to the fatherless. We can look upon the grave when we consign thither the remains of our departed friend, and be comforted, because we hear the voice of God saying: "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." How different are our feelings on this solemn occasion from what they would be had we no resource save on a mere negative philosophy. In this instance we have every reason to hope that for our deceased friend to depart hence is but just begun. The Divine Spirit has given the short biography of the deceased, the main facts of which have been heretofore published in the TIMES. Adverting to the religious influences by which he had been guided, Mr. RIDGEWAY said that when he was yet a young man he started in the business of a colored person in Pearl-street, in Allen-street, and it was influential in bringing many to a knowledge of religion. He early became a member of the John-street Methodist Church, and was ever earnest in furthering the cause of Christ. He was among the first to avail himself to this (St. Paul's) congregation, and had held office therein. Though for many years past he had occupied no official position in the church, he was ever alive to its interests, and earnest in furthering its success. He was among the first to encourage the establishment of this church, and did more in his sphere of life to push on the temperance reform. After alluding to Mr. HARPER'S political career, the preacher spoke of the principles that underlaid his character. He had brought with a sound mind to a sound body. He was a man of system, of order, of economy, and was noted for being a strict disciplinarian. He had a definitive aim and a unity of purpose through life. He did not begin his career simply with the intention of amassing great wealth, but he aimed at perfection in his calling. As a printer, he could point to his work upon the canvas or place the chisel in hand to fashion a piece of statuary, must have an ideal picture of that which he would paint or form. Mr. HARPER had in his mind, which was the attainment of the highest degree of excellence in his business. He was a man who had rapidly given to adopting every new idea, yet he was always willing to profit by every improvement wrought out by others, since it had been proved worthy of adoption. His enthusiasm in life gave distinguishing tone to the last, and his influence in the spheres of his calling. He went on to speak of Mr. HARPER'S currently religious character, and his deep-toned, earnest piety, which were manifested in every act of his life. With him religion had an all-pervading influence. Though his spiritual life was poured forth like a pure stream, it was not shallow, but deep. There was a life of zeal and diligence, he was manifested by his regular attendance at church on the Sabbath, and the unfailing habit of family prayer. After mentioning certain peculiar incidents connected with the deceased's latter days, Mr. RIDGEWAY said that on the day before he met with his sad accident, he sat for his photograph, and renewed his accidental life insurance policy. He had told some of his friends, two weeks previous to the accident, that he no longer prayed to be delivered from a sudden death, for he did not know but that it might please God to remove him hence in that manner; if so, it was all safe for him—he felt assured that he would be happy forever. He may be their guide on parting here, his faith and cheerfulness may look forward to a joyful broken family reunion in the world above; and though his partnership may have been dissolved with his brethren here they would hereafter be indissolubly united in Heaven. They all had treasured up the memory of the Bench of old, he is not, for God hath taken him.

Rev. CYRUS D. FOSS, of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, then offered prayer, and gave out the closing hymn, which commenced the solemn exercises.

An opportunity was then given for the friends to take a final view of the remains. The coffin was kept in the church last night, and is to be taken to Greenwood for interment at 10 o'clock this morning.

MEETING OF THE COUNTRY MEMBERS OF THE BOOK TRADE.

After the adjournment of the book trade sale at the salesrooms of LEAVITT, STRESRIGH & CO., 191 Fulton-street, yesterday morning, Mr. GEORGE LEAVITT announced the death of the late James HARPER, and suggested that the country members of the trade there assembled take action in relation thereto. Thereupon Mr. EDMUND CLEAVER, of CLAXTON, REMSEN & HAFFELFINGER, Philadelphia, was called to the Chair, and Mr. E. O. EASTMAN, of Concord, N. H., was appointed Secretary. Mr. CLAXTON made an appropriate address on taking the chair, after which, on motion of Mr. W. A. POOLEY, Messrs. D. H. HOYES, of Boston, D. PRITCHARD, of Chicago, and GEORGE A. LEAVITT were appointed a committee to report suitable resolutions, which were subsequently reported and adopted:

Whereas, It has pleased the Great Disposer of Events suddenly to remove from the world our friend and fellow-citizen, James Harper, late Mayor of New-York; and

Resolved, That in the death of JAMES HARPER the community has lost a most upright and honorable citizen; his church a most faithful and devoted member; his family a most tender husband, father and brother; and the business with which he was connected a most valuable member.

Resolved, That we shall always keenly cherish the memory of his kindly sympathy, his ready and friendly counsel, and his modest life, while we reflect with pleasure and pride upon his career as an illustration of the honor and success that attend strict integrity and unwearied industry.

Resolved, That in the sad and sudden death, we have the powerful admonition of knowing that the divine hand may smite us in the noonday of life, and that we may always remember him with his sturdy age and strong and natural vigor unabated.

It was then resolved that the members of the trade generally attend the funeral, and the meeting adjourned.

Orphans' Home and Asylum.

The annual Easter festival of the Orphans' Home and Asylum of the Episcopal Church, took place yesterday in the building of the Institution, corner of Lexington-avenue and Forty-ninth-street. The assembly began by the singing of an Easter carol by the children, followed by a discourse by Rev. Dr. HOWE, on the Muse of Athens, which was illustrated by recitations in Greek. The text was commented by members of the children, which were well relished by the young listeners and the numerous company assembled. As the school, more than five hundred in number, sang the concluding hymn, the Easter Monday Gospel by Rev. Dr. WHITEHAM. The children were then addressed by Rev. Dr. GALLAUDET, pastor of the Deaf Mute Church in Fourteenth-street, who subsequently presented twenty-five silver crosses, as prizes, to Wm. MOLLER and Georgie MASHER for good conduct. A series of tests was proven using children, which had passed examination for admission, and had graduated in the eighteenth year, and has been incorporated into Home. It is a particularly pretty and commendably successful. When families of leading wealth and influence were sorely afflicted by fatal infection which many years ago followed, One hundred and forty-five children are now accommodated in the establishment, where food, the best, clothing and instruction, was not each, but free. The provisions are good and abundant, and the Home is the best place in the church of the country of numbers applied to it type.

A Fair closed the entertainment, at which articles were sold for the benefit of the institution.

THE SING SING TRAGEDY.

Examination of the Inquest—A Verdict against the Keeper—A Story of Prisoners Contested.

Coroner FLYNN yesterday concluded his investigation in the case of the convict HENRY O'NEIL, alias Charles H. Lockwood, who was shot by CHARLES SULLIVAN, prison guard, as already fully reported in the TIMES. The following additional evidence was adduced:

Gates W. Carter testified that on the morning of the 15th inst. he took awake him and call the guards; there were some men trying to take the horses; they went and searched, but could not find any one in or near the barn or in the wood; witness father told him afterward that a man had call him five times and escaped and were in the barn, and directed him and his brother to search the barn before dark; they arrested Burke and Miller in the barn, and taken them to the dungeon and reported Constable Lawrence to handcuff them; Burke was very uneasy when he heard of the death of one of the keepers; they were taken in the cars to Ossining; I saw two men at the depot; he understood one was a keeper, and one of them said, addressing one of the prisoners and swearing, "I'd like to get a hole through you;" Burke replied, as he grabbed the car, "I'm out of your reach now;" from what Mullen said witness suspected that it was Burke, another in the barn; when he returned home his father told him that one man had been shot by a keeper; after he had gone to bed he heard a noise; the next day he learned the facts of the shooting as related to him by Constable Williamson, who said that he was entitled to the reward, as he was the first man that put his hand upon him, and he was taken to a prisoner until he had fired.

Dr. Wm. Jones, Deputy Coroner, was also examined and testified that he had held a post-mortem examination on the body, in company with Dr. Pinell, and Dr. Osborne, of Brooklyn; in their joint opinion death resulted from inflammation of the peritoneum caused by a pistol-shot wound.

The case was then submitted to the jury by Coroner FLYNN, who, in his brief charge, remarked that as the testimony was so positive only one conclusion could be arrived at, that the deceased had met his death at the hands of Sullivan. He informed the jury that he dispatched to Sing Sing the Deputy Coroner and messenger of the Board last week, and they had subpoenaed seven or eight witnesses, but only three or four had attended, and the only person connected with the prison who had been present was the physician.

The jury rendered the following verdict:

"That the said CHARLES LOCKWOOD, alias O'Neil, came to his death by a pistol wound of the abdomen, at the hands of CHARLES SULLIVAN, on the 15th of March, 1866, at Mr. SNOWDEN'S farm, near Tarrytown, and we consider Lieutenant DANIEL MANNY as being accessory. We recommend that the District Attorney take immediate action in the matter."

This closed the case, but a new complication occurred at this juncture in the shape of an affidavit made by JAMES MCKIERNAN, Coroner of Westchester County, to the effect that he had been requested by the agent and warden of Sing Sing Prison to hold an inquest on the body of LOCKWOOD, and on the 20th inst. called at the prison for that purpose, and was informed that they had permitted the body to be removed to New-York; that he waited on Coroner FLYNN, and demanded the body that an inquest might be held in Westchester County, where the man died; that Coroner FLYNN refused to surrender it until he had held an inquest. He thereupon gave a writ of prohibition, which he issued to restrain the said FLYNN from proceeding any further with said inquest. The Coroner was in his affidavit restrained from further action by Judge GILBERT, of Brooklyn, and he is required to appear before the Supreme Court at a quarter-term, on the 4th of April, at the Brooklyn Court-house, to show cause why the writ of prohibition should not be issued. This will probably lead to the escape of the two prison guards from the punishment their offence merits. Coroner FLYNN surrendered all the papers in the case to District-Attorney GARVIN, who will take such steps as he deems necessary.

New-York Infirmary for Women and Children—Annual Report.

In the fifteenth Annual Report of this institution, now just issued for the year 1866, it appears that during that year there were received into the infirmary 168 patients; 666 patients were visited at their homes and 1,844 offended at the dispensary, making in all 2,510 patients; 1,000 were delivered for during that period. Of these cured for the nativity is as follows: United States, 2,071; Ireland, 1,000; Germany, 163; Great Britain, 150; and from other countries, 124.

Of the house patients eighty-four were free; twenty-one paid the sum of $1 per week, generally by only a part of the time they were relieved. In addition to the attendance of patients at their houses and in the dispensary, there have been provided without charge, with medicine and free obstetrical attendance, to poor women at their homes. The number that died was so helped that other wants, as the care of their children makes it impossible for them to leave home, and the number of those that left not to be applying for further care are referred for want of additional assistance to extend them. The hygienic condition of the poor who apply for relief is always regarded by the physicians, as the houses of the patients are visited in the wards of their homes. Within the last year, a course of lectures has been given to students. About twenty ladies have attended the lectures of the course commencing in November last, fifteen of whom were students entered for the course. At the close of the year the department of the school, the first and only department of the school, the course of the most experienced and well-known medical teachers of the City. The course of lectures extends through three years. During the first year the students have their time occupied chiefly in the elementary branches of medicine; Anatomy, Physiology, Materia Medica, and Chemistry. During the latter part they will take up the more practical branches of medicine, Surgery and Obstetrics, with Clinical work, under the direction of their teachers. Practical instruction will be given during the whole course. Hygiene, one of the most important, but most neglected, branches of medical science, will be taught theoretically and practically. Recitations on the lectures, and practical examinations will be required every week. The final examinations will be given by a Board of Examiners, eminent physicians, not connected with the faculty. The standing of the physicians who compose the faculty and the Board of Examiners, is a guarantee for the character of the instruction. The trustees believe that if the institution can carry out the programme of education laid down, they will have the satisfaction of knowing that it has accomplished the long-contemplated purpose of providing for them a thorough and complete medical education, such as will command the respect of the public and of the medical profession.

FINANCES.

The sum of $30,000, which it has been proposed to raise for the endowment of the College, has not yet been completed; but it is hoped that it may all be obtained during the present year. The current expenses of the College have been defrayed by its friends, by the government, by students' fees, and by special collections made for that purpose by the Finance Committee, which latter have amounted to $1,422. An effort is now being made to secure a donation from the State of New-York, which it is hoped may be obtained. If it cannot be, and if that be followed from individuals can be obtained from the Legislature, the College will then be placed in a position of independence.

The entire expenditure for the year amounts to $42,863 61, leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of only $23 34. The trustees express their thanks to Mrs. Howard, by whom the money was collected to defray the expense of thoroughly renovating and painting the building. In urging once more the claims of the Infirmary on the public, the trustees feel that no apology is due.

The Dispensary, at No. 128 Second-avenue, is open daily from 8 to 10 A. M. Patients are received into the House upon application at the Dispensary, but no incurables or incurable disease are not admitted.

Bishop Lyndenhan on Venice.

Right Rev. Dr. LITTLEJOHN, Bishop of Long Island, delivered a lecture to an attentive and appreciative audience, at the Athenæum, in Atlantic-street, Brooklyn, Monday evening, on the subject of "Venice," for the benefit of the Parochial Association of the Church of the Redeemer. The Bishop's description of Venice, the Queen of the Adriatic, was graphic and eloquent. He portrayed the beauties of the City of Divine Art, and placed in the middle of Europe for its description, making the otherwise comparatively uninteresting map of that Continent a complete scene of unsurpassed beauty and grandeur. In the background, the mountains, the sea-girt City, the foreground, page with its recollections of who had bloodshed, its progress in the arts and sciences, its development of all the great doors of classical learning, with the darker shades, on which well treated a cup crowned with found lands over the ground peeded a Venice in the Europe and to relieve the picture of weariness. The course of the Bishop was that happy one which one enjoyed on returning home to this land of liberty, where they who would have created a Venice in the middle of the 19th and most energetic of the Adriatic Sea, were beaten into the elements of liberty on the earth of war. The lecture throughout was a grand tribute to the cause of modern humanity and art.

The Children's Aid Society.

At the monthly meeting of Trustees of the Children's Aid Society, Theodore Roosevelt, Esq., in the Chair, C. L. BRACE, Secretary, the following reports covering the work of the Society for the past month, were presented:

Boys' Lodging House.—Lodgings, 14,000; meals, 3,000; attendance at school, 1,000; attendance at Sunday-school, 1,000; attendance at Bible class, 1,000; attendance at prayer-meeting

POLICE COURTS.

The Tombs—Omnes, Alderman.

FALSE PRETENCES.

Detective Wooldridge, of the Sixth-Ward, arrested Eli Burnett, a traveling agent, and brought him before the acting magistrate yesterday. John T. Boyd, publisher of an express and shipping book of New-Murray-street, appeared as complainant, and stated that on the 5th inst. the prisoner handed him a card purported to be an advertisement of the American Tract Company, at No. 47 Nassau-street, which he said was to be published in the Guide at the rate of $3 per M. (he supposed the advertisement) to be false, and had obtained money on the strength of it. William S. Guerinan, the agent of the Company, pronounced the substitution to be a forgery, Burnett's excuse being that he supposed was fully committed for trial. He is a native of Ireland, and 21 years of age.

Jefferson Market Police Justice.

BEZNEZZLEMENT.

Frederick W. Kruger, a German, formerly engaged with Weaver, Ansing & Co., No. 257 Sixth-avenue, was arrested upon a charge of embezzlement, made by James A. Weaver, who alleged that Kruger had collected $90 due the firm, which he had appropriated to his own use. In his answer, the prisoner stated that the firm owed him money which they were unable to pay, and had authorized him to collect what he could and thus pay himself. He was, however, committed in default of $500 bail for trial at the General Sessions.

A BALL THIEF.

John Blackner, of No. 203 East Fifty-first-street, made a complaint stating that on the 3d of February last he visited at No. 25 East Twenty-first-street for the purpose of giving a masquerade ball, for which he received some wearing apparel, as the rack in the hall. While he was engaged in giving the lesson one John Alstop Miller, a friend, rang the bell, and when it was opened by the servant, ran by her and ascended the lady of the house. While the servant was absent Miller, if he is alleged, took the coat and went away. Diligent search was made for him, but he was not found until yesterday, when he was arrested by Detective McGowan, of the Twenty-ninth Precinct. He pleaded not guilty, but was committed in default of $1,000 bail for trial at the General Sessions.

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—MARCH 30, 1869.

$6,000 U.S. 5-20 C., '64	113⅝	1,000 do	108⅝
6,200 U.S. 5-20 C., '65	113	1,000 do	108⅝
10,000 U.S. 5-20 C., '67	113⅝	1,000 M. & St. P. 1st	86
New		20 Continental Bank	112⅝
20,000 U.S. 5-20 C., '67	113⅝	20 Tenth Nat. Bank	99
10,000 U.S. 5-20 C., '68	113⅝	10 Del. & H. C. Co.	100
14,000 U.S. 5-20 C., '68	113⅝	50 do	127
14,000 U.S. 5-20 C., '68	113⅝	100 do	127
5,000 Tenn. 6s, New	64	300 Canton Co.	59
1,000 Va. 6s, 2d, ex c	61	200 Quicksilver	19⅝
2,000 N.Y. City 6s, '90	108	100 Boston Pt.	14
11,000 N. C. 6s, New	37⅝	100 Brunswick	8⅝
4,000 do	37⅝	15 Chi. R. & Q.	112
1,000 Mo. 6s, ex c	80⅝	100 Chi. & N. W.	82⅝
1,000 Missouri 6s, H. & St. Jo. R.	80	100 do	82⅝
1,000 Ala. & T. H. 1st	80	100 do	82⅝
1,000 Tol. & W. con.	60	100 do	82⅝
2,000 C. & R.I. 1st M. B	90⅝	100 Chi. & N. W. Pf.	91⅝
1,000 C. & R. I. & P. 1st M.	90⅝	100 do	91⅝
2,000 C. & R.I. 1st M. B	90⅝	50 Lake Shore	106⅝
2,000 Gal. Wat. 2d M.	78⅝	100 Mil. & St. P. Pref.	71
1,000 C., Cin. & Ind. Con. 1st M.	90⅝	100 Del., L. & W.	138
1,000 Chi. & N. W. 1st	90	105 N. Y. Cen.	109
2,000 Mich. S. & N. 1st	94⅝	100 do	109⅝
1,000 Chi. & N. W. 2d con. con. bds	94	100 N. P., Pf. W. & C.	34
2,000 Morris & Ess. 2d	86⅝	100 Ohio & Miss. Pf.	19
6,000 do	86⅝	100 Ohio & Miss. Pf.	19
		45 Morris & Ess.	87⅝

SECOND BOARD—1½ P. M.

$10,000 U.S. 5-20 C., '64	113⅝	$5,000 U.S. 5-20 R., '65	113
20,000 do	113⅝	11,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '65	113⅝
5,000 U.S. 5-20 C., '65	113⅝	113,000 U.S. 5-20 C., '65	113
10,000 do	113⅝	5,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '67	113⅝
10,000 U.S. 5-20 C., '67	113⅝	125,000 do	113⅝
10,000 do	113⅝	12,000 do	113⅝
20,000 U.S. 5-20 C., '68	113⅝	25,000 U. S. 10-40 R.	104⅝
5,000 do	113⅝	1,000 do	104⅝
1,000 do	113⅝	1,000 do	104⅝
2,000 do	113⅝	6,000 do	104⅝

SECOND BOARD—3½ P. M.

$100 Tenn. 6s, ex c	63	100 N. Y. C. R.R.	109⅝
6,000 do	63	100 Hudson	112⅝
1,000 Tenn. 6s, ex c	64⅝	100 do	112⅝
1,000 do	64⅝	100 do	112⅝
5,000 N. C. 6s, new	37⅝	100 do	112⅝
2,000 do	37⅝	100 Panama R. R.	275
100 Mo. 6s, ex c	80⅝	200 Chi. & N. W. Pf.	91⅝
1,000 Ala. & T. H. 1st	80	100 Mil. & St. P. Pref.	71⅝
1,000 do	80	100 do	71⅝
1,000 Tol. & W. con.	60	100 do	71⅝
1,000 do	60	100 do	71⅝
2,000 C. & R.I. 1st M. B	90⅝	100 do	71⅝
1,000 C. & R. I. & P. 1st M.	90⅝	100 do	71⅝
2,000 do	90⅝	100 do	71⅝
2,000 Gal. Wat. 2d M.	78⅝	100 do	71⅝
1,000 C., Cin. & Ind. Con. 1st M.	90	100 do	71⅝
1,000 Chi. & N. W. 1st	90	100 do	71⅝
2,000 Mich. S. & N. 1st	94⅝	100 do	71⅝
1,000 Chi. & N. W. 2d con. con. bds	94	100 Ohio & Miss. Pf.	19
2,000 Morris & Ess. 2d	86⅝	45 Morris & Ess.	87⅝
6,000 do	86⅝		

OPEN BOARD—10 A. M.

100 Tenn. 6s, new	64	100 Reading	91⅝
100 Alton Mar. Ex.	60⅝	100 Chi. & Alton	130
100 U. S. Ex. Co.	99	100 T., W. & W. Pf.	67
100 Gold & Silver	19⅝	100 Mil. & St. P. Pf.	71
100 do	19⅝	100 Ohio & Miss.	19
100 do	19⅝	100 Fort Wayne	100
100 Mariposa Pf.	19⅝	300 Mich. S. & N. I.	94
100 do	19⅝	200 Clev., Col., Cin. & Ind.	90
100 Pacific Mail	30⅝	100 Chi., R. I. & P.	111⅝
100 do	30⅝	100 Chi., R. I. & P.	111⅝
100 do	30⅝	100 Chi. & N. W.	91⅝
100 do	30⅝	100 do	91⅝
100 do	30⅝	100 do	91⅝
100 do	30⅝	100 do

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THE TEMPEST. Principal characters by Messrs. Davenport, Mayo and Devlin.

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DEBORAH. (German Drama.) Leading character by Fanny Janauschek.

FRENCH THEATRE.
Mabillon, No. 52 8th-av.
LA VIE PARISIENNE. Leading characters by Mlle. Rose-Dell and M. Cartes.

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Broadway, corner 13th-st.
SCHOOL. Leading characters by Mr. Lester Wallack, Miss Gerrish, and Mr. Mathews.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.
Sixth-av., corner of 23d-st.
ROMEO AND JULIET. Leading characters by Mr. Edwin Booth and Miss Mary McVicker.

BROUGHAM'S THEATRE.
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MUCH ADO ABOUT A MERCHANT OF VENICE. Leading character by Mr. Brougham.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

The reign of the King of Spain is not limited to eighteen years, as was reported in the draft of the new Constitution. The crown remains on the King for life and descends to his heir.

CUBA.

Mr. CORNINGTON, the United States Consular Agent at Gibara, has been released by the intercession of the Acting Consul-General. The Government is remodeling the Police system of Havana.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate, Mr. HOWARD presented the memorial of the Universal Peace Union, recommending kind and just treatment of the Indians. Mr. ANTHONY introduced a bill to authorize the Postmaster-General to contract with certain parties for the transportation of the European mails. It was referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads. Mr. MORTON moved to take up the bill to grant the right of way to the Memphis, El Paso and Pacific Railroad, but, Mr. CONKLING objecting, the bill went over. Mr. SHERMAN offered an amendment to the fourth section of the Currency bill, which was agreed to. Mr. POOL then offered an amendment to the amendment offered by him some days since by Mr. WILSON. In support of the amendment Mr. POOL addressed the Senate at length. The Supplementary Currency bill was next under consideration, after which the Senate adjourned.

In the House, a message was received from the Senate announcing that a Committee of Conference had been appointed on the Tenure-of-Office bill. Mr. BUTLER, of Massachusetts, moved to agree to the request for a Committee of Conference. Mr. SCHENCK moved that the House recede from its disagreement to the Senate amendments, which motion, he remarked, had precedence over every other motion. Mr. WOOD moved that the House insist on its disagreement. The vote was first taken on Mr. SCHENCK's motion to recede. The vote was taken by yeas and nays, and resulted—yeas 69, nays 102. The House then voted to insist on its disagreement, and agree to a Committee of Conference. The House then proceeded to discuss the Whisky and Tobacco bill, and after a long debate, Mr. ALLISON's motion to strike out certain provisions was adopted—yeas 85, nays 82. The bill was then passed without a division, and the House, at 5:30 adjourned.

GENERAL.

It is said that Secretary BORIE has written to prominent members of the Naval Committee of the Senate and House, recommending that authority be given him to transfer gradually the business of the Navy-yard at Philadelphia to the Navy-yard at League Island, with a view to the ultimate abandonment of the yard at the former place. This, he argues, will be a saving to the Government.

Another terrible murder, coupled with the crime of suicide, took place in Philadelphia. A man named BLATTENBERG killed his wife and two small children with an ax, and then committed suicide by throwing himself into the Delaware River.

HENRY TRAVERS, alias Chas. Allen, was arrested in Chatham, Canada, charged with the murder of PATRICK ROONEY, in Springfield, Ill., in February, 1862.

Mrs. JULIA WARD HOWE, LUCY STONE and WENDELL PHILLIPS addressed the Special Legislative Committee on the petitions for woman suffrage at Boston, Mass., yesterday.

The divers are at work on the wreck of the *New Brunswick*, at Philadelphia. The copper sheathing is now being removed.

A student at the Chicago University, named G. C. HARLINGTON, was robbed of $6,000 in 7.30 bonds last Sunday by his servant, a French Canadian, named GEORGE VERNIER. The thief escaped.

Rev. Dr. ALEXANDER THOMPSON, of New-York, has received a call from the Second Reformed Church of Philadelphia.

A meeting was held in Paterson, N. J., for the purpose of protesting against the issuing of bonds by the freeholders of Passaic County, as authorized by the Legislature, for the purpose of aiding in the construction of the Montclair Railroad. The bill has not yet been signed by the Governor, and a committee was appointed to wait upon him with remonstrances.

The Katalayne Springs, at Gettysburg, Penn., were seized by the proprietor, who turned out forcibly the agents of the New-York Gettysburg Springs Company, to whom they had been leased. It is rumored that the turned out parties will repossess the Springs by force, and a serious disturbance is feared.

An accident occurred on the Toledo, Peoria and Warsaw Railroad yesterday. The eastern bound train was thrown from the track by a broken rail. The engineer, W. W. MORGAN, was instantly killed and the fireman wounded.

The Knights of Pythias, an Order of which Mr. SMITH, the murdered janitor of Girard Hall, was a member, offer a reward of $1,000 for the detection of the murderer. The case is still involved in mystery.

Dr. MULLOCKS, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Newfoundland, is dead.

The Associated Press of Boston, Mass., recently passed complimentary allusions to Mr. EDWIN C. BAILEY, of the Boston *Herald*, who resigned his office as President of the Associated Press. HENRY W. DUTTON, Esq., of the TRIBUNE, was elected in his stead.

There is a bill before the Pennsylvania Legislature forbidding the employment of persons in drug stores who are not graduates of some college of pharmacy.

The losses by the St. Louis fire of night before last, are still uncertain. Many of the steamers were insured for both hull and cargo.

Mr. and Mrs. JARRELL, living in Townsend, Newcastle County, Del., were poisoned on Friday last, by a colored boy, who put arsenic in their coffee.

Governor WELLS, Judge BOND and others, charged with purloining a letter from the mail, were discharged yesterday by the United States Commissioner at Richmond.

An accident took place on the Albany and Susquehanna Railroad, on Monday morning, caused by the breaking of a rail. Two passengers were injured.

The funeral of Ex-Mayor JAMES HARPER took place yesterday at St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, in the presence of a large congregation. A discourse was delivered by Rev. Dr. RIDGEWAY.

A large meeting of citizens and tax-payers was held in the Kings County Court-house, Brooklyn, last evening, at the invitation of the Prospect Park Commissioners, to discuss the question of selling that portion of the Park lying east of Flatbush-avenue. Addresses were made by Messrs. J. S. T. STRANAHAN, A. A. LOW and S. B. CHITTENDEN in favor of the proposition, and Mr. W. W. GOODRICH in opposition to it.

An examination was made yesterday of the body of the woman found in the water near Hoboken on the previous day. The physicians gave it as their opinion that death resulted from drowning. The bruises on the body and face are believed to have been caused by the body striking against the piers.

The Board of Police Commissioners yesterday adopted a resolution instructing counsel to commence a suit against JOHN B. YOUNG, to recover from him the moneys by him received for services rendered in arresting persons concerned in stealing bonds and other securities, the property of the First National Bank of New-Windsor, Ulster Co.

The inquest in the case of LOCKWOOD, alias O'Neil, the Sing Sing convict, was concluded yesterday. The jury rendered a verdict that deceased came to his death by a pistol shot wound, received at the hands of CHARLES SULLIVAN, the keeper, JOSHUA MABBY being an accessory. Subsequently an injunction was served on Coroner FLYNN, forbidding him to take any further proceedings in the case.

At a meeting of the Cuban Ladies' Relief Association yesterday, measures were taken to lay the facts connected with the recent Spanish outrages before President GRANT.

The Grand Jury having ignored the bill of indictment against JAMES LOGAN, (No. 2,) the prisoner was yesterday discharged from custody.

A more active demand prevailed for Cotton yesterday at firmer prices. Breadstuffs were unsettled, Flour and Wheat having been lower and less buoyant, while Corn and Rye were dearer and wanted. Provisions and Groceries in quite moderate request. Freights dull.

The Campaigning Season in Europe.

The campaigning season in Europe is now here, and two slight simultaneous movements of Prussia and France have heralded its coming. The former Power has mobilized its troops in the Western Provinces, and instantly thereupon the latter has demanded an "explanation," pending which it has put an end to the Winter's furloughs, and ordered all officers and privates now on leave of absence to rejoin their regiments on the 1st of April. In addition to this, we have the unpleasant and suspicious relations between France and Belgium—so much, and nothing more, as the sum of disquieting military rumors.

Clearly, therefore, there is as yet nothing alarming in the news. The Prussian action is explicable; the French demand for explanation is natural; and the latter's recall of furloughed officers and men is an ordinary procedure. Suppose, however, the Prussian answer should be evasive and unsatisfactory, in that case, it might possibly be construed as the "insult" which the French Minister of War is preparing against, and we should have instant war. We must remember also that, after the experience of the Austro-Prussian war, begun in May, and finished ere Midsummer, a tranquil Winter no longer guarantees a peaceful Spring. Nations always armed say-a-gal, need sound no warning note of preparation, and can let a word be quickly followed by a blow.

Nevertheless, taking all into account, we cannot look for war yet. We do not believe, however, with the Paris correspondent of the British *Army and Navy Gazette*, that the Belgian business will end in the French Government's hanging down its head and looking penitent, while Marshal NEY is forced to put himself in a corner, "thrust a finger into his mouth, and cry." On the contrary, the recent French action shows that the Government is going to begin the season with prompt action; designing, to be sure, the taunts and irritations of Prussian mastery but overlooking no action of the Berlin Government. The present, meanwhile, is an important moment. The authority already quoted has prophesied that, "if the French Emperor means fighting this year, he will open the ball in about a month, when the six-months have men join their respective corps." For a few days, or weeks, therefore, all eyes will turn toward the Rhine.

The Tenth Absent Georgia.

If Congress is to be spurred into upsetting its own work in Georgia, and exercising a prerogative for which the law or the Constitution has no warrant, it should at least discard false pretences. Let us know exactly what is intended and on what ground interference is to take place. It may not be very satisfactory to know that the object is to obtain partisan supremacy and to provide for the dignity and comfort of men in whom the State reposes no confidence; but the knowledge even of this will be preferable to the doubt and confusion which now prevail. Whatever be the reason, let it be tangible and honest. Don't let it be pleaded that the State Legislature has proved itself refactory by rejecting the Fifteenth Amendment. For that event the extreme Republicans who clamor for Congressional intervention are alone responsible.

The *Tribune*, which seeks to defend further action without positively advocating it, thus evades the real issue:

"The colored members are still excluded from the seats to which they were overwhelmingly chosen. Their exclusion (they being all Republicans) gives the Democrats a majority in either House. Enough of those Democrats were willing to vote with the Republicans to enable them to ratify the Fifteenth Amendment. But that would have kept in power those who excluded and still exclude the colored members, and who carried the State for SEYMOUR and BLAIR at the point of the Bowie-knife; and this some of the Republicans refused to connive at. They voted *against* ratifying the Fifteenth Amendment—not that they were by any means opposed to it, but that they did not see fit to surrender their State to the despotic control of TOOMBS, MILLER, and the old clique of pro-slavery politicians who have once already rushed her to ruin. They think that enough."

In what way would the ratification of the amendment "have kept in power those who excluded and still exclude the colored members?" If Governor BULLOCK interpreted it correctly, in his message communicating it to the Legislature, the opposite result would have been attained. He insisted that the amendment guarantees the eligibility of colored men to office, and that the effect of its adoption would be to reverse the wrong inflicted upon that class in Georgia. We do not say that this construction is sound. But it is the construction placed upon the instrument by Governor BULLOCK, the chief promoter of the disorganizing work which has the *Tribune* for an abettor.

The truth is that the ratification of the amendment would have had no effect whatever upon the Democratic members, their present position or their chances in the future. It simply makes impartial suffrage a feature of the national Constitution, while under the local Constitution the suffrage is universal. It has no conceivable bearing upon the controversy involving the right to seats or upon anything from which the Democrats might derive party advantage. The fact that a sufficient number of Democrats voted for it in the Senate and House to insure its ratification had the Republicans done their duty, is proof that the explanation put forward by the *Tribune* is untenable.

This, moreover, is noticeable—the *Tribune*, while blaming the Democrats, substantially admits that the non-ratification of the amendment was a consequence of Republican opposition. It failed because the very men who now cite its failure as evidence of local hostility to the policy of Congress, had resolved that it should not succeed.

Not a little impudence is needed to enable men to play the parts now acted at Washington by Mr. BULLOCK and his friends. They, and they only, are responsible for the defeat of the amendment in the State on which they invoke Congressional vengeance. All Mr. BULLOCK's influence was exerted to secure the end which was finally reached. His bosom friends were the active intriguers against ratification. His abettors were the Republican absentees, whose presence would have secured ratification beyond peradventure. The President of the Senate, whose adverse casting vote was decisive, is believed to be the confidential ally of the Governor. It is clear, then, that the present state of the question in Georgia is the handiwork of the clique in whose behalf the *Tribune* invents its paltry apology.

But the purpose? That is not difficult of discovery. Messrs. BULLOCK & Co. are dissatisfied with their prospect in the State. They see no chance of obtaining and perpetuating political influence, with its attendant profit, unless they remould the affairs of the State to suit their particular views. The intelligent, respectable, rational and moderate opinion of the State is against them. The main body of the Republicans and a large portion of the Democrats are agreed, as the votes upon the amendment show, in support of a conciliatory, practical policy. Mr. BULLOCK has stepped in with his disorganizing tactics, and the more violent Democrats have rallied to his relief. The aim of both is bad. The extreme Democrats do not want pacification; they prefer disorganization, with its contingencies. The extreme Republicans do not desire any peace the terms of which they do not dictate, and the fruits of which will not inure to their benefit. The two united have furnished the pretext on which the advocates of interference at this moment rely in their denunciation of the Georgia Legislature.

For the course pursued by that body in regard to its colored members we have no defence. It was unwise, offensive and in our judgment illegal. But it was a wrong which may be remedied without the harsh and dangerous process contemplated by those who propose to break up reconstruction and reinstate the disastrous penalties of a Provisional Government. Some national legislation may be required to give effect to the Fourteenth Amendment, so far as it applies to the eligibility of office-holders. In regard to the Georgia Legislature, however, the people of the State may be safely left to vindicate their own rights and interests. Though colored men are excluded from office, they cannot be deprived of votes without their consent; and with the ballot in their hands and the ballot-box protected, as hereafter it will be, from fraud and force, they are secure. They hold in their own hands a power which future legislators may be compelled to respect.

As for the pretence that military government is required to give effect to the law, and especially to guard the lives and property of loyal citizens, we see no reason for accepting it as true. The State, so far as we can judge, is on the road to prosperity. A prudent consideration for material interests has thrust politics into the background; and in this revival of industry, with the rewards already realized, we have the strongest pledge of peace. The partisan troubles, which were not infrequent last Summer and Autumn, have disappeared since General GRANT's election; and crime is neither more common nor more aggravated in its character than in Missouri, Illinois or Indiana.

If, then, Georgia is to be disorganized, its industry paralyzed and its prospect clouded, the country will understand the cause. It will know that there is nothing in the general condition of the State that calls for stern measures of repression or punishment. It will know, too, that the prime movers in the business are the authors of the mischief by which interference is to be in good part excused.

Sidewalk Nuisances and Obstructions.

A contemporary, in commenting on the melancholy death of Mr. JAMES HARPER, takes occasion to recommend the establishment of a regulation that, during certain hours in the afternoon, when Fifth-avenue is thronged with carriages going to or returning from the Park, the avenue, within a prescribed distance, shall not be incumbered with dirt carts and heavy trucks,—in order thereby to avoid some of the existing dangers of collision.

The truth is, however, that we need a different code of street regulations from the one—we will not say on the statute books—but at least from the one actually put in force. Our thoroughfares, instead of being free to equestrians and pedestrians, to vehicles for merchandise and vehicles for pleasure, are in great part usurped by the owners of dwellings abutting on them, or by itinerant vendors of peanuts and popcorn.

Broadway itself, the main channel of pedestrian transit, is sometimes made almost insufferable from sidewalk nuisances. Everybody who walks down town of a morning is familiar with this fact. First, you encounter an excavation for a building, extending over the sidewalk, and uncovered, compelling even ladies to walk in the muddy streets, and risk themselves and their dresses among the crowding, jostling, and spattering stages. Next comes an awning so arranged that the melting snow or the rain shall drip all over the sidewalk. Next, a boy with a long-handled mop is to be seen furiously brushing windows, at 11 o'clock in the morning. Next, a man standing on the curb-stone is dashing pails of water at his windows, at the same unseasonable hour. Then come in succession stone-cutters, sitting astride of huge granite or marble blocks, on the sidewalk, and the chips merrily flying from their drills into people's faces; apple-stands, hand-organs, projecting show-cases, and display-stands; open coal-holes or other man-traps; youths practicing at pitching hand-balls; and, in brief, the thousand annoyances so familiar to all of us, and to which we now have a prospect of adding the velocipede.

Sidewalks are made to walk on, and to walk on comfortably—not to build upon, or for storage, or for peddling. We admit that some nuisances of the kind just mentioned are almost hopeless. But such matters as driving people into the street altogether by excavations, and as washing windows at mid-day, are not beyond relief. Mr. BERGH has done well with his Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and Mr. COOPER and others with their Citizens' Association; there is a chance for another society designed to aim at giving us the civic benefits we pay for—freedom of thoroughfares, safety in travel, cleanliness of streets, and all the other similar items which should go to make life in the City desirable.

Trades Unions and the Tribune.

The TIMES certainly did not intend to misrepresent the *Tribune's* position in regard to the workers for wages and their Trades Unions, and it is unable to find in its previous articles on this subject a reflection of any kind on the *Tribune's* opinions. It was not the hostility of the *Tribune* to Trades Unions, or to the working classes, but the antagonism of Capital and Labor which we deprecated in the article whose fairness the *Tribune* questions. We have no quarrel with any one, and least of all with our neighbor, whose frequent advice to laboring men we have often admired for the correctness of its theory, though we have had often to regret its lack of practicality.

The *Tribune* denied the antagonism of Capital and Labor. The TIMES agreed with it thus far,—that there ought to be no such antagonism, and it said that under the natural laws of trade, uninfluenced by combinations of capitalists to regulate wages, prices and tariffs, there would be no such active hostility as now exists. The *Tribune* deprecated that the workingmen in their resolutions should seek to array Labor against Capital. The TIMES also deprecated this, but looking at the matter in a practical way, as the *Tribune* did not, we recognized that the antagonism already existed, brought about not by the laborers, but the capitalists, and we endeavored to justify the formidable organizations of mechanics for protection by showing that the capitalists were the first to organize and that the tendency of manufactures was to concentrate in the hands of the large capitalists.

The *Tribune*, on March 27, declared Labor and Capital to be natural allies; it now admits that they are antagonistic, and not only justifies it under the present circumstances, but declares that the right of both capitalists and laborers "to combine for mutual benefit is clear." We have never been willing to admit more than the legal right to do this; it does not seem clear to us, as to the *Tribune*, that two or more powerful establishments have a moral right to combine to crush out a small rival or to keep down the wages of a few mechanics. It is certainly not the American idea of fair play. But after recognizing this right as clear and undeniable, the *Tribune* relapses into theory again, and insists that when talkers or workers in any other trade refuse the prices fixed by the combined employers, they shall not remain idle to be supported by Trades Unions, but "promptly devise and put in operation some machinery" for continuing work on their own account. We are not disposed to say of this anything harsher than that, like many of the *Tribune's* theories, it is impracticable; but nine-tenths of the practical mechanics now on strike will call it "sheer nonsense." In the first place the *Tribune's* reasoning is unjust to "strikers." Men on strike are not necessarily idlers. They are not permitted to strike except when ordered to do so by their Union. They have a moral and legal right to support by their Unions, for they contributed to their funds in the days of prosperity with the fear of this contingency before their eyes. The *Tribune's* theory is unreasonable and impracticable, because something more than resolution on their part and advice on that of their friends, is necessary to a body of poor mechanics attempting to begin co-operation. Some capital, much patience and a little business reputation are three absolute necessities which the *Tribune* seems to hold of little importance.

France and Belgium.

The unpleasant state of the relations between France and Belgium, caused by the refusal of the latter Power to sanction the sale of certain Belgian railroads to a French company, is still the topic of paramount interest that all but monopolizes the attention of the French, German and Belgian Press. "*L'Incident Belge*," as the affair is termed in the semi-diplomatic jargon so much affected by French journalists, is the phrase which meets the eye at every turn in the Paris papers of the last few weeks. The Belgian Senate confirmed the action taken by the Lower Chamber. In spite of the violent demonstrations of the French semi-official Press, the Belgian Ministry remains firm, and the King is evidently determined to support M. FRERE-ORBAN in his spirited vindication of Belgian independence. It is rumored also that Holland has signified her intention of taking measures to secure the integrity of her railroad system against purchase by foreigners, and it is clear that France, if ever she entertained any hope of gaining strategic advantages over Prussia by acquiring the control of Belgian or Dutch railroads, must now abandon it. Belgium, against whom the wrath of the inspired Press of France is chiefly excited, has disavowed all intention of offering an "insult" to France. She simply claims the right of self-government, and the liberty of deciding for herself upon all matters affecting her internal economy. She has simply exercised, constitutionally, the rights conferred upon her by the Charter of 1830. Railroad companies in Belgium obtain their original privileges from the Belgian Government, and no foreign Power can be entitled to complain if that Government chooses to curtail them, or to forbid their transfer into the hands of foreigners.

If, however, the tone of the French Press is to be taken as any indication of the feelings of the French nation, or the intentions of the French Government, there is too much room for the apprehension that the peace of Europe may be seriously endangered by this practical exemplification of the kind of quarrel shadowed forth in the fable of the wolf and the lamb. The disciplined cohort of semi-official papers, always ready to raise the cry of revenge or reprisals for an "insult," actual or hypothetical, is already calling for action. The old quarrel with Belgium on account of the liberty accorded by her Government to the Press, is revived with acrimony on the part of the Imperial journalists. M. PAUL DE CASSAGNAC, in the *Pays*, speaks of Belgium as "a cave of cosmopolitan bandits," a "strap on which political assassins sharpen their poniards," the "Algiers of the pirates of the pen," and he hints at "a great day of reckoning," which is approaching. The tone of the Belgian Press is, on the whole, firm, but dignified and moderate, and the "indiscreet and virulent attacks on France and the Emperor," of which French journalists make a pretext for lashing themselves into fury, are not to be discovered in any organ of Belgian opinion worthy of official attention. Articles hostile to the Napoleonic *régime* are to be found in journals published in Belgium, just as they are to be found in those published in London or Geneva, or in any country where the freedom of the Press has been constitutionally established. It does not do for the French Press, which is "free" only to assail foreign Governments, and not to criticise the action of its own, to complain of Belgian journals, because they avail themselves of the full liberty constitutionally guaranteed to them.

In the present delicate state of the relations between France and Prussia, anything of the nature of this "Belgian incident" is naturally fraught with danger. But, as in the Luxemburg affair, France and Prussia are the real principals, and we still see no reason to believe that either of those Powers has any desire to engage in a contest that must convulse all Europe, and, whatever its results, do infinite injury to both.

MINOR TOPICS.

After more than two months' confinement in a Station-house cell JAMES LOGAN (No. 2) was yesterday released from custody, the Grand Jury refusing to indict him upon the testimony presented. The murder of Mr. BOURNE remains a mystery which is never likely to be fathomed, and with the release of LOGAN the case will soon pass out of public remembrance. With the clues in the hands of the Police, this result is extremely discreditable to their sagacious and intelligent.

The Spanish Consuls, which can never be candid on any subject, and particularly with respect to South-American men or things, has made an analysis of the correspondence, published by the TIMES, between the Peruvian Minister and the American Secretary of State, in reference to the iron-clads bought by the Government of Peru; and, alluding to the London transaction with respect to the release of certain Spanish and Chilean vessels of war, which were detained there on the breaking out of hostilities, the Spanish organ says:

"Of course Minister GARCIA and Mr. SEWARD and the Peruvian Government had proved a contest like that we had quoted in support of his assertion? This is called double dealing—to extract, if it was possible, the American Government's power out the chestnut, per se pope."

Now any one having eyes to read will see in the third paragraph of the dispatch addressed by Mr. GARCIA to Mr. SEWARD, on the 14th of April, 1868, the following words, alluding to said transaction: "Lord STANLEY * * * granted their petition, (the Chilean and Spanish Ministers' petition,) *notwithstanding a protest presented by the Peruvian Minister, who did not deem it his duty to assent to an arrangement for which he had no authority.*" Who merits now the charge of duplicity, Mr. GARCIA or the Spanish *Orondate*?

The sorry-looking and worn-out nags which are often attached to the public hacks, and the vermin-haunted vehicles themselves, ought to be more closely examined by the official Inspector. In that case the public would fare better. We notice that, in regard to the first-mentioned cause of complaint, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has just asked the Common Council for permission to place an agent of their association on duty with the Inspector, whose signature to the license of the hack-driver shall be as necessary as that of the City official, before the license shall be granted. In this manner much cruelty now inflicted upon horses would be avoided. But the Common Council would not listen to this proposition.

It is rather surprising to see the London *Times* calling upon the British Government to adopt a policy of amity with Russia in regard to their Asiatic possessions. It advocates this as the best solution of the Central Asian question. The real enemy of British rule in the East is also the enemy of Russian rule, as it is the implacable foe of Christianity and civilization—the spirit of Mahomedan intolerance which has so long rendered Central Asia almost inaccessible to European merchants and travelers. England and Russia (says the *Times*) acting in concert, and with all the marvelous resources of modern science at their command, may bring the whole of that vast continent into fellowship with Europe. Acting as antagonistic forces, they only prolong the reign of anarchy and barbarism. The *Times* argues the whole question with great force. Its language indicates a desire for a complete reversal of the old East India policy of England in regard to Russia. The new policy of the *Times* might work very well in time of peace, but, in case of an Anglo-Russian war, it could not stand. The English power in India is too vulnerable, for Russia to give guarantees against attack in that quarter.

We upheld the "Grecian Bend" as long as the fashionable ladies made such graceful displays of it; but lately it seems to be going out of vogue. Our Japanese correspondent says that the "bend" has been in fashion in Japan for four centuries. The spinal curve had its origin in the custom which Japanese ladies have of carrying their babies on their back, and the *pooter* had its origin in the broad silk girdle which is swathed several times around the waist and fastened in a large bunch behind. It will thus be seen that our American ladies never fully carried out the Japanese fashion,—they never appeared with the baby, which was the justification of the "bend."

When Union-square was laid out and fenced in, the Corporation, with a due regard to economy, caused to be laid down a narrow strip only of flagging on the sidewalk around the park, and so it has continued to this day. At certain seasons of the year the frost and mud render the sidewalk quite unfit for ladies' dresses, and it would seem that the time has come when the importance of Union-square and its surroundings demands that this whole sidewalk should be flagged. It is to be hoped that the Common Council will act at once in giving us this improvement, so long necessary and yet so long delayed.

The new *Corporation Manual* has just been published. It surpasses, exteriorly in the binding, and interiorly in the quality of the paper, the typography, the engravings and the lithographs, anything that was ever before achieved in this direction. It is full of interesting information concerning the various departments of the City Government, the charities, the schools and the prisons, containing also some fine pictures of modern buildings, and is plentifully interspersed with portraits of City magnates. The antiquarian character of the work, which was one of its principal features when the late DAVID T. VALENTINE was the compiler, has almost entirely disappeared. This is the first attempt of the present Clerk of the Common Council at bookmaking. With the means and facilities at his command it would have been inexcusable if he had failed to make a useful volume. The lavish manner in which money has been spent upon the work is a good illustration of the extravagant habit into which our City Government has notoriously fallen.

The young Mikado of Japan has been married, but not under the most auspicious circumstances. The followers of the Princes SATSUMA and CHOSIEN, who had won his Empire for him, celebrated the occasion by indulging in a street fight, during which they set fire to several streets, burned the young bridegroom out of his palace, and compelled him to fly to Osaka. At the same time the Japanese Admiral KENOMATSU, who is an uncle of the lately-resigned Tycoon, STOTS BASHI, revolted and seized the Island of Yesso in the name of his nephew. Where is Inspector-General H. W. GRINNELL, of New-York, of the Japanese navy? "Under which King, Bezonian?"

Ambassador BURLINGAME wishes to see China intact and sharing the comity of nations. But fate will not have it so. The English are prowling round the Chinese rivers and fighting the natives. At the same time there is a report that an army of Mahomedan rebels in the north is marching on Pekin and threatening to break up the Empire. These things, to say nothing of those regular semi-Christian rebels of the last twenty years, show that it will be no easy task to keep that venerable Empire in anything like order.

The Welsh are an industrious, intelligent and energetic class of people, and have contributed a very valuable element to our European immigration. The experiment of colonizing them in some force is in fair way of being tried, as Mr. J. MATHER JONES, of Utica, the publisher of Y Drych, the Welsh newspaper, has secured nearly 100,000 acres of land in Kansas, and proposes to settle the tract with his compatriots. The land is in the choicest portion of the State, being the western half of the Sac and Fox Reservation, within thirty miles of Topeka, the Capital of the State, and well known as a region of great fertility. The *Drych* says of it also that it is well provided with water, timber and coal, as well as being in a generally well-watered part of the State, insuring abundance of feed, provisions, &c. The plan certainly looks well on paper and we hope it may be a success.

The reported acceptance of the Duke of Montpensier by the Cortes runs counter to the general idea—out of Spain. It was believed that the Emperor NAPOLEON had no wish to clear hands with an Orleanist Prince in any Latin alliance. And certainly, if he really had any leaning that way, he would not have gone in company with the Empress to pay ISABELLA a visit about a fortnight ago, at the Hotel Bustlewati. That report carries something incredible on the face of it.

AMUSEMENTS.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.

The Saturday evening performances at Mr. BOOTH's theatre are unusually well attended. It is clear enough that Mr. EDWIN ADAMS has an audience of his own, and one on which he can depend with certainty, both in the matter of numbers and of applause. It is also evident that he has admirers in the troupe of which he is an illustrious member. Imitation is the sincerest flattery; but to those not directly interested it is peculiarly nauseating. On the EDWIN ADAMS' night it is safe to promise that every artist will attune his penny whistle to the bass of the popular actor. The effort is inconvenient, because it is not given to every man to speak from great pedal depths. Mr. ADAMS comes honestly by his bass, and can be persuasive with it in whispers that sound like a drum. But his imitators are evidently distressed in the race to keep down with him. Mr. FENNO perhaps sinks most readily to the required level, and but rarely comes to the surface again. Mr. LAWLER is more sportive. He plunges deeply, and one wonders where he gets all his breath from, but he comes up at intervals and shakes himself. Even Mr. PERKES speaks hoarsely, as if he, too, had taken a "header" and a cold simultaneously. Of that infinite army of nondescripts with which this theatre is invested it is unnecessary to speak. They do not even speak themselves, but serve as the medium for a mass of inarticulate sound. We refer to the matter because a similar phenomenon is noticeable when Mr. BOOTH plays. Then every one imitates Mr. BOOTH. In both instances the result is a ludicrous caricature of the originals, who can, of course, afford to laugh at the joke of the thing. And the public would laugh too were it not restrained by the responsibility of being before the curtain instead of being behind it.

There is a fine cold, colorless gravity in the "Marble Heart" which well suits the company at Booth's. The piece was written as a pendant to "Camille," and as an antidote to the sobbiness of that pathetic fiction. *Camille* made a sacrifice for the man she loved; *Mlle. Mars* neither loves nor sacrifices. She toys with a foolish young sculptor until he is captured, and then disposes of him without remorse. On the score of morals there is not much to choose between the two heroines, but the male representatives differ more widely. *Armand* has lucid intervals, and *Raphael* has not. In the rather pretty allegory that precedes the play, he (*Raphael*) commits an act of idiotcy. He falls in love with his own statues, and,—shows them. From that moment until he falls down, very prettily, and dies, he is weak-minded and evidently the prey of any one artist or woman who is addicted to plaster. The part, indeed, is a weak one, utterly removed from the sympathies of the audience, and padded with commonplace frenzies, chronic agonies and stereotyped nobility of character. It is not in such a part that Mr. ADAMS can be seen to advantage. His characteristics are spontaneity, quick, manly impulse, and resolute, upright action. Mere dawdling at the feet of a courtesan as ill befits him as does the sonorous moaning of sentimental platitudes. *Harsicus* came within the range of his ability, because it depicted a strong nature, bitter and perverted by adversity, but with more curses than whine about it. *Raphael* as an individuality is a milksop, and utterly unfit for anything save to amuse a frivolous woman.

Skimming round this unhappy youth, like a bee in a churchyard, is a certain *M. Ferdinand Volage*. We regret to add that he is described as an editor. If in this sketch we see ourselves as others see us, much of the hostility to journalism is accounted for. All NAPOLEON's acts of newspaper repression are more than justified by the possible existence of such a creature as *Volage*. It is not merely that he delivers weak homilies on every occasion, and in one breath admonishes and patronizes, but he is persistently in the way. He is one of those dreadful creatures who has a moral for every disappointment in life; and accepts a happiness as a warning. He is typified in the introduction as DIOGENES, but DIOGENES was a cynic who practiced morality, but did not preach it. He was, moreover, brief, whilst *Volage* is prolix. Nothing can be more alarming than the possibility of such a man having sway. The part was intrusted to Mr. LAWLER, who, as we have already indicated, sometimes came to the surface. The gentleman is a good and intelligent reader, but his style is not fitted to the character. Badly as the latter is drawn, it indicates a man of versatility and quickness. These qualities are notably deficient in Mr. LAWLER's representation.

Nor can much be said for the Indica. Miss FANNY MORANT, as *Mlle. Marco*, has but few graces (save her personal appearance) of which man may need be aware. When *Volage* warns *Raphael* that he is falling a prey to the wiles of *Mlle. Marco*, every one in the audience is naturally amused. The toils have been set so de

TELEGRAMS.

Release of Consular-Agent Codrington at Havana.

Frightful Railroad Accident in Illinois.

Another Horrible Murder in Philadelphia.

CUBA.

The United States Consular Agent Released—The Havana Police System Remodeled.

HAVANA, Tuesday, March 30.

Mr. CODRINGTON, the United States Consular Agent at Gibara, who was recently brought here in irons on suspicion of being a rebel spy, was released to-day at the intercession of Acting Consul-General HALL.

The Government is remodeling the Police system of Havana. The office of Chief of Police has been abolished, and the Governor of the city will perform the duties of that position. The control of the Police is to be placed entirely in the hands of the civil authorities. It is expected that a great saving will be made in the expenditures of the Government by this change.

The Police of Matanzas arrested two Cubans on board of an American vessel in the bay, while they were attempting to make their escape to the United States.

The steamer *Juniata* sailed to-day for Philadelphia.

SPAIN.

The Reign of the King Not Limited.

LONDON, Tuesday, March 30a

In the draft of the new Spanish Constitution, the reign of the King is not limited to eighteen years, as reported. On the contrary, the possession of the crown remains in the King for life, and descends to his heir, the period of whose majority is fixed at the eighteenth year of his age.

INDIA.

Peace and Good Will for India.

LONDON, Tuesday, March 30.

Important dispatches were received at the War Office to-day from India. Lord MAYO had received SHERE ALI with great splendor. Lord MAYO presented him with his own sword, and assured him that the British would always be friendly. SHERE ALI was very much gratified with the interview, which has inaugurated an era of peace and good will.

CRIME.

Another Horror in Philadelphia—A Man Kills His Wife and Children and then Commits Suicide.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, March 30.

A horrible murder was committed here yesterday under peculiar circumstances. Early yesterday morning a man threw himself into the Delaware River and was drowned, but subsequently a handkerchief was found in the water bearing the name of BLACKSTONE. This afternoon the body was recovered, and proved to be Mr. BLACKSTONE, of the firm of FUNSTON & BLACKSTONE, picture-frame makers, No. 112 Market-street. The body was sent to his house in the extreme northwest part of the city. On arriving there the parties found another party of Police in possession of the house, and that Mr. BLACKSTONE's wife and two small children were dead, having been chopped to pieces with an ax. It appears that previous to committing the murder yesterday Mr. BLACKSTONE wrote a letter to his wife's father, who resides in Connecticut, saying that he had killed his wife and children and would kill himself. A party in Connecticut this afternoon telegraphed to the Police authorities here, who went to the house and found the dead bodies, as before stated, and were investigating the case when the dead body of Mr. BLACKSTONE was brought in. On BLACKSTONE's body were found papers stating that he had been robbed, and that he was a ruined man, and giving this as a reason for committing the deed. The wife appears to have been killed while lighting the fire in the stove on Monday morning, as the neighbors heard a noise at that time. The children were killed in bed up stairs, and carried down and laid at the feet of the mother. BLACKSTONE was probably insane.

Reward for the Arrest of the Philadelphia Murderer.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, March 30.

The Order of Knights Pythias offer $1,000 reward for the detection of the murderer of SAYEN, their fellow-member, at Girard Hall. The case is still involved in mystery.

THE PACIFIC COAST.

Indians on the War Path in Arizona—The Military Powerless to Protect Settlers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Monday, March 29.

Arizona intelligence to March 6 has been received. Indian depredations were becoming numerous, and the military appear to be powerless to render any protection to the settlers. The savages are well armed and provided with ammunition. News from the Black Canyon and Lynx Creek gold mines was encouraging.

Flour, $4 50@$5 50. Wheat quiet at $1 65. Legal tenders, 77¾.

News from Manila to Feb. 2 has been received. Exchange on London was quoted at 4s. 4d. Sugar inactive, and prices nominal. Cordage declined 1¼@1½c. Hemp, $9 25.

Clearances—Ship *Asa Eldridge*, for New-York; bark *Loyola*, for Great Britain.

Freights—The bark *Nettie Chapin*, for New-York, takes Sugar at $11 in gold, and Hemp at $12 in gold.

SAN FRANCISCO, Tuesday, March 30.

A dispatch from Verdi states that two engines on the Central Pacific Railroad ran off the track beyond Elko. Fourteen cars were smashed and the conductor, two engineers, two firemen and three brakesmen were killed.

The Company's buildings at Truckee were destroyed by fire yesterday. Loss $10,000.

The steamer *Colorado* sailed to-day for Panama, with $660,000 in treasure, of which $530,000 is for New-York, $262,000 for England, $40,000 for France, and $20,000 for Panama.

Arrived, ship *Golden Horn*, from Hong Kong.

The Body of Dean, the Sing Sing Victim Disinterred—Convicts Changing Quarters.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Tuesday, March 30.

The body of MONTAGUE DEAN, the convict who died from the effects of showering at the hands of the keeper, BUCKINGHAM, at Sing Sing Prison, has been disinterred by Coroner MCKENZIE for the purpose of holding an inquest on the remains. It seems the body was buried without the Coroner's knowledge.

A car-load of convicts passed here to-night from Sing Sing *en route* to Clinton Prison.

Fifty laborers passed through here this evening on their way to Cuddebackville, Orange County, where, last night, another serious break occurred in the Delaware and Hudson Canal, fifty feet in depth and two hundred feet in length.

The damage to the Dutchess and Columbia Railroad from the storm is more extensive than at first reported. A portion of the foundation of the heavy trestel bridge has given way, and there have been extensive landslides.

Reports from up the river to-night state that the ice between Catskill and Hudson is still stationary, but its departure is momentarily expected. The tide is coming in fast, and fears are entertained that there will be extraordinary high water, and that much damage will ensue.

Accident on the Albany and Susquehanna Railroad.

ALBANY, N. Y., Tuesday, March 30.

The 10 o'clock train from this city Monday morning, on the Susquehanna Railroad, met with quite a serious accident near Rensselaer, occasioned by the spreading and breaking of a rail. The locomotive and two passenger cars were thrown from the track. The locomotive was quite badly injured, and one of the passenger cars pretty well wrecked. Two passengers sustained severe, but not serious injuries. One of them, Mr. A. WILSON, of this city, had his head and hands cut by glass. The name of the other could not be ascertained.

THE FRESHET ADVANCING.

Docks from Albany to Hudson Submerged—The Ice Breaking up in the River—Clear from Catskill to New-York.

ALBANY, N. Y., Monday, March 29.

There is a freshet in the river here, and in many places the water is over the docks and is still rising. It has raised steadily since 10 o'clock this morning.

The river is clear of ice at Troy.

It is expected that the ice here will break up and pass down the river during the next twenty-four hours.

ALBANY, N. Y., Tuesday, March 30.

The ice broke up in front of this city and moved down the stream at 3 o'clock this morning. The water is rising rapidly.

The river in front of the city is comparatively clear of ice; but above and below the city the ice seems to be firmly lodged. It has accumulated largely just above the Railroad bridge. From Catskill down, the river is supposed to be clear. As yet very little damage has been done here, and the water is not remarkably high. A very heavy freshet is reported at Schenectady.

HUDSON, N. Y., Tuesday, March 30.

The river is open in front of this city and Catskill. Between here and that point are banks of ice, but not very strong. At Coxsackie, we learn, the ice is very firm.

The ice has blocked at Purser's Reach, four miles below this city. The water is rising here, and will soon be over the dock.

Trains on the Hudson River Railroad are still running promptly on time.

All the piers between Hudson and Albany are submerged.

At dark to-night a steamer passed Tivoli, going north.

The Freshet in the Interior of the State.

SCHENECTADY, Tuesday, March 30.

The Mohawk is clear from Schoharie Creek east to about two miles west of this place. Above the creek the ice is still in the river. Two miles west of here the ice has formed a dam, and the water is as high as was ever known. It is overflowing the flats on the south side, and several farm-houses are under water. Four miles west of here the water is six feet deep in the road, rendering it wholly impassable.

ROCHESTER, Tuesday, March 30.

There is considerable excitement in this city and along the Genesee Valley, above, in consequence of the rise of the river. Ordinary high-water mark has been reached, and the river is still rising. Telegrams from above to-day warn the citizens of Rochester that there is danger of an extraordinary flood.

THE INDIAN WAR.

Return of Custer's Expedition from a Successful Campaign—The Rescue of Prisoners.

IN THE FIELD, INDIAN TERRITORY, March 24, *Via* HAYS CITY, Kansas, March 30, 1869.

General CUSTER's Indian expedition, with the Seventh United States and the Nineteenth Kansas Volunteer Cavalry Regiments, is returning northward through Texas *via* Camp Supply, Indian territory, from its hard winter campaign. A train of supplies sent south of the Canadian River for it by General SHERIDAN was met to-day by the command with great rejoicing, their rations having been exhausted more than a week, and they living upon abandoned horses and mules.

The Cheyenne tribe of nearly 300 lodges was surprised on the 15th inst., on a branch of Red River. When surrounding the villages and about to attack, General CUSTER learned of the captivity of two white women named Miss MORGAN and Miss WHITE, of Kansas. To save these the savages were spared until the women were rescued, which was effected by stratagem alone, without ransom. The Indians fled, leaving their lodge and much camp property.

Some Cheyenne prisoners are also brought in, including the head chiefs of the Dog soldiers, Big Head and Dull Knife. The command has discovered the hiding places of the Plains Indians. It witnessed the recovery of the sorrowful white captives with intense emotion. Fifty-five Cheyenne prisoners are held as hostages for the promised appearance of the tribe to treat for peace, thus ending the Indian war.

ILLINOIS.

Railroad Accident on the Toledo, Peoria and Warsaw Railroad—The Great Fire in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Ill., Tuesday, March 30.

Another frightful accident occurred on the Toledo, Peoria and Warsaw Railway, at 12:30 o'clock this morning, just east of Eureka. The eastern-bound freight train, while crossing a bridge three hundred feet long at that place, was thrown from the track by a broken rail. The engine was pitched from the bridge, turning over in its descent, and alighting on its wheels. Nine cars were detached and very badly damaged. The engineer, W. W. MORGAN, was instantly killed, and the fireman, COREY, was severely injured. Seventy-five feet of the bridge was torn away, and it, with the train and road, are a fearful wreck.

A Mrs. JOHN IMMERER was burned to death at Appleton a few days since, while attempting to fill a lamp from a can of benzine.

About 5:30 o'clock this morning a fire was discovered in the second story of Crosby's Building, occupied as a servants' sleeping-room by the proprietors of the St. James Hotel, and immediately adjoining Crosby's Opera House. The loss is about $20,000. The sufferers are MESSRS. & LEDDY, proprietors of the St. James, to the amount of $1,000; SPEAR, FRENCH & HOLBROOK, carpet dealers, about $15,000; C. W. & PARDRIDGE, small amount. SPEAR, HOLBROOK & Co. were insured as follows: Firemen's, Baltimore, $5,500; Washington, Baltimore, $5,500; Union, Baltimore, $2,500; Home, New-York, $5,000; Firemen's, New-York, $4,500; New-Amsterdam, New-York, $2,500; Beekman, New-York, $4,500; Lamar, New-York, $5,500; in another Baltimore Company, $2,500. Total, $32,000.

The Great Steamboat Fire in St. Louis, Further Particulars.

ST. LOUIS, Tuesday, March 30.

During the conflagration last night at the foot of Washington-avenue, the steamer *Fannie Scott*, after floating down stream, was towed across the river by the *Jennie Lewis*, where both grounded. While in this situation, the *Armenia*, which had taken fire from a mass of burning upper-works that had floated from one of the steamers first burned, drifted against them, igniting both, and all three were burned to the water's edge. The total loss cannot be less than $25,000. The *Gerard B. Allen* was owned by A. P. & C. W. KREBS, and was valued at $60,000; the *Ben Johnson* was owned by Captain BEN JOHNSON, was valued at $35,000, and was insured for $12,000; the *C. V. Kounts* was entirely new, and was owned by Captain W. J. KOUNTZ; she was valued at $60,000.

The losses by the fire last night are still uncertain. The following are some of the losses: The *Henry Atkins*, valued at $20,000, was insured for $8,000 in the Floating Dock Insurance Company, of Boston, $5,000 in the Independent, of Boston, and $6,000 in Cincinnati offices. She had 2,200 tons of assorted cargo on board, the value of which is estimated at $70,000. The *Ben Johnson* was worth $30,000; insurance not known. She had no cargo. The *G. Ballou*, valued at $35,000, insured for $20,000. Her hull was but little damaged, and fifty tons of freight will be saved. Her cargo was insured for $10,000 in the Home, of New-Haven, and $5,000 in the St. Paul Fire and Marine Company. The *Carrie J. Kounts* cost $27,000, and is said to be insured in Pittsburg for $15,000. She was nearly loaded. The *Fannie Scott* had on board 125 tons assorted cargo, the value of which has not been ascertained. She was valued at $25,000, and insured for $8,000; cargo $1,700 in Boston and Pittsburg. The *Armenia* was a Pittsburg boat, with no cargo. She was valued at $20,000. The *Jennie Lewis* was a Missouri River packet. Star Line, and was about to leave with a full cargo and a large number of passengers. She was valued at $40,000. Just as she dropped into the stream the *Fannie Scott* and *Armenia* floated down. The passengers begged to be taken off. Captain MCPHERSON steamed alongside, and while taking the men off all the boats floated across the river, and the *Jennie Lewis* grounded, and before she could be got off she was a burning wreck. The *Carrie Kounts* drifted against her port till all three boats were burned to the water's edge. When the *Lewis* caught fire terrible consternation prevailed among the passengers, and but for the coolness and bravery of Captain MCPHERSON many lives would have been lost—the boat having caught fire at the bow the usual means of escape were cut off. The Captain and other officers dropped the women and children down to the mate and others on the main deck, and they passed them to men standing waist-deep in water, who carried them ashore, and escaping with only what they had on.

The estimated total loss is, on the cargoes, $200,000, on the boats, about $250,000.

Serious Disturbances Feared at the Gettysburg Katalayne Springs.

GETTYSBURG, Penn., Tuesday, March 30.

A conflict of authority has arisen regarding the possession of the Katalayne Springs. The proprietor has forcibly expelled the agents of the New-York Gettysburg Springs Company, to whom the Springs had been leased, and has issued posters announcing that he has repossessed himself of the property, under a forfeiture of the contract, the Company having failed to comply with the terms. A party of men has been placed in charge of the bottling establishment, and an armed force was on duty to guard the Springs during the night. It is reported that the agents of the New-York Company are also mustering forces to regain possession, and serious consequences are threatened.

Annexation Feeling in Canada.

HALIFAX, N. S., Tuesday, March 30.

At a meeting recently held at West River, Pictou County, to appoint a Councilor to urge the repeal of the League, resolutions favoring annexation were passed.

A telegram from Newfoundland announces the death of Dr. MULLOCKE, the Roman Catholic Bishop.

The Ottawa Board of Trade to-day passed resolutions in favor of a Reciprocity Treaty with the United States.

Democratic Gubernatorial Convention in Pennsylvania on the 14th of July.

HARRISBURG, Tuesday, March 30.

The Democratic State Central Committee has decided to call a convention for July 14, to nominate a Gubernatorial candidate.

The dedication of the Mexican monument, for which such extensive preparations have been made, has been indefinitely postponed, on account of the Legislature having refused to make appropriations to defray the expenses incident thereto.

A Light-Keeper's Daughter Rescues Drowning Men.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Tuesday, March 30.

Yesterday a boat containing two soldiers, from Fort Adams, and a boy named LYNCH, was capsized in Newport Harbor. Miss IDA LEWIS, daughter of the light-keeper on the Lile Rocks, put out in a boat and rescued the two soldiers, but the boy sunk just as she reached him. Miss LEWIS has before saved life under similar circumstances.

The Cincinnati Board of Trade.

CINCINNATI, Tuesday, March 30.

The new Board of Trade will hold a meeting to-morow night to discuss measures for the completion of the Southern Railroad.

The Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Road rejects the proposed lease to the Atlantic and Great Western.

An Alleged Murderer Arrested in Canada.

CHATHAM, Ontario, Tuesday, March 30.

HENRY TRAVERS, *alias* Charles Allen, has been arrested here, charged with the murder of PATRICK ROONEY, in the New-York saloon, in Springfield, Ill., in February, 1863. The preliminary examination took place to-day, and TRAVERS was committed to jail for extradition.

Town Bonds Loaned to a Railroad Company.

ANDOVER, Conn., Tuesday, March 30.

The town of Hebron voted to-day, by more than two to one, to loan its bonds for five per cent. of its grand levy to the New-Haven, Middletown and Willimantic Railroad Company.

Discharge of Governor Wells and Others at Richmond.

RICHMOND, Va., Tuesday, March 30.

In the case of Governor WELLS, Judge BOND and others, charged with purloining a letter from the mail, the United States Commissioner to-day discharged all the parties accused.

Day Calendar in the Court of Appeals.

ALBANY, Tuesday, March 30.

In the Court of Appeals the day calendar for Wednesday, March 31, 1869, contains Nos. 35, 43, 49, 51, 113, 58, 55, 56, 57, 16, 111, 111½, 112, 114, 115.

Boston Bank Statement.

BOSTON, Tuesday, March 30.

The following is the weekly statement of the condition of the banks of this city:

Capital	$48,300,000
Loans	39,670,948
Specie	197,700
Legal Tenders	11,846,333
Due from other banks	13,097,108
Due to other banks	13,734,811
Deposits	22,931,420
Circulation	35,254,167

Miscellaneous Telegrams.

PORTLAND, Me., March 30.—A small wooden block at the foot of Franklin-street, owned by Mr. JAMES STAFFORD, occupied by several retail stores, was burned this morning. The property is insured for $10,000.

PHILADELPHIA, March 30.—Hon. DANIEL L. COLLIER, formerly of Steubenville, Ohio, for many years a prominent member of the Bar of Ohio, died at his residence in Philadelphia on Tuesday, March 30, aged 54 years.

ALBANY.

Newspaper Attacks, a Question of Privilege—The Bill to Punish Bribery.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ALBANY, Tuesday, March 30, 1869.

NEWSPAPER ATTACKS—A QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

Senator HALE, Chairman of the Committee appointed to investigate the alleged corruption connected with the Erie Railroad legislation last winter, rose to a question of privilege this morning, and devoted nearly an hour to answering the attacks that had been made on that Committee in connection with their report published a few days ago. He confined himself particularly to the attacks made by D. D. S. BROWN, editor of the Rochester *Democrat*, and HORACE GREELEY, both of whom were witnesses before the Committee. He read from an article in the *Tribune* of March 18, criticising the Committee's report, in which it was stated that the Committee were "careful not to admit anything that could be ignored or concealed," and represents them as trying to "whitewash" their fellow Senators. Mr. HALE denied, in the strongest terms, that the Committee ignored or concealed anything, and challenged Mr. GREELEY to point out a line in the testimony that was not fairly presented in the report. The following extract from the *Tribune* article was read and commented on with great severity:

"As to Mr. GREELEY's testimony, it is not true that what he testified with regard to MATTOON was derived from a man who stated it as a mere rumor; That man stated it as an undoubted fact; and yet we never supposed that he saw paid to MATTOON either the $15,000 or the $30,000. He spoke of what was current in Albany circles, just as engagements and intended marriages are spoken of in social circles by persons who do not adduce legal evidence of what they yet know to be true."

In answer to the first part of the above, Mr. HALE read from the evidence taken before the Committee, in which T. C. FIELDS, Mr. GREELEY's informant, says:

"I mentioned no name to Mr. GREELEY; in fact I did not know the name of the Senator. At the same time I said, 'Mr. GREELEY, this is a mere rumor; I have no authority for my statement; it is what is talked about in the streets, and that is between us and, of course, not for your newspaper.'"

With regard to the last half of the above extract, he said he was much obliged to Mr. GREELEY for his illustration. It appeared then that a man who claimed to be the leading editor of America did not hesitate to email private character and accuse public men of crimes that would consign them to the State Prison on that kind of evidence which he himself likens to the idlest of all idle gossip—the talk in social circles about "engagements and intended marriages." He was glad to see that Mr. GREELEY had recently changed his opinion about the kind of evidence needed to warrant a charge of crime against a person. Yesterday's *Tribune*, in alluding to the evidence which came before the Committee in reference to Governor FENTON, exclaims: "If Governor FENTON can be impeached on such testimony, whose character is safe?" Sure enough. That was precisely what the Committee asked themselves in making their report. But was FENTON's character as United States Senator any dearer to him than the character of any Senator whom he was addressing? And yet because the Committee did not feel at liberty to make positive charges of crime against their fellow-members on mere rumor, they were blackguarded and accused of "ignoring" and "concealing" facts by this honest and conscientious journalist. The Committee, he said, found a difficulty in obtaining tangible evidence, owing to the defects in the present law for the punishment of bribery, and accordingly they recommended as a part of their report such amendments to the law as would tend to put a stop to this crime in future. Why had not the *Tribune*, if it was in earnest in this matter, alluded to this part of the report and indorsed the amendments recommended by the Committee, or suggested something better? He had watched carefully the columns of that paper since the report appeared, and had been unable to discover a single word in favor of the proposed alteration in the law, or any reference thereto.

Mr. HALE's speech was listened to with great attention, and created a decided impression.

THE BILL TO PREVENT BRIBERY.

At the close of Mr. HALE's speech the Senate went into Committee of the Whole, and Mr. HALE immediately called up his bill for the prevention of bribery, which he had placed on the preferred calendar. The bill was discussed from that time until the adjournment at 3 P. M., and various amendments were proposed. Senators WILLIAMS and BUCK spoke against the entire bill, and Senator PIERCE put himself on record against it. Mr. WILLIAMS said it ought to be entitled "a bill to encourage perjury;" that a man who had attempted to bribe and failed would be induced to add the crime of perjury and swear that the bribe was accepted, lest he be prosecuted by the person who refused the bribe. Thus it would end in a race to see which should reach a magistrate and make complaint first.

Mr. BEACH objected to it because it allowed one of the guilty parties to go free by turning State's evidence, while it punished the other.

Mr. HALE and Mr. HENRY C. MURPHY warmly supported the bill. Mr. MURPHY said that the crime attempted to be reached by the bill was the worst crime, in his opinion, in the whole calendar. It appeared to be rapidly increasing in this country, and he thought the safety of our institutions demanded that something should be done to put a stop to it.

An amendment offered by Senator MORRIS was adopted, providing that no conviction should be had under the act on the "unsupported evidence" of a guilty party. Senator FOLGER also offered an amendment, which was adopted, that no person should be excused from testifying on the ground that his testimony would tend to criminate himself, either on a trial under the act, or on a suit for libel or slander growing out of charges of bribery. With these amendments the Committee reported progress, and ordered the amended bill to be printed and placed on file to-morrow morning. The indications are that the bill will speedily pass the Senate, and by a large majority—partly, no doubt, for the reason that Senators will be ashamed to go on record as voting against it.

IN THE ASSEMBLY

nothing was done of interest, the morning session being occupied in the third reading of unimportant bills. S.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

ALBANY, Tuesday, March 30.

The railroad men had a hearing this afternoon and evening before the Joint Railroad Committees of the two Houses on the *pro rata* Freight bill. CORNELIUS VANDERBILT was present, and among those who addressed the Committee were AUGUSTUS SCHELL, Mr. JOY, President of the Michigan Central, Mr. BROOKS, of Boston, Ex-President of the same road; Mr. HAMMOND, of Chicago; Mr. BLANCHARD, General Freight Agent of the Erie; Mr. DEVEREUX, President of the Lake Shore; Mr. SARGANT, Superintendent of the Michigan Central; J. D. HAYES, of Detroit; Mr. SWEENEY, Vice-President of the Detroit and Milwaukee, and Mr. WILLIAMS, President of Buffalo and Erie. They all agreed that if the bill now pending was to pass, the New-York Central would be compelled to abandon the through freight business entirely, and throw it into the hands of the Pennsylvania Central and the Canada roads. The testimony produced a marked effect upon the Committee, and it is hardly possible that the bill can pass in its present shape.

The Assembly Committee on Education listened to arguments this afternoon for and against the bill for reorganizing the New-York Board of Education. Messrs. HITCHMAN, GEORGE W. BLUNT and B. M. HENRY spoke in favor of the bill, and H. PALLEN and WILLIAM E. CURTIS against. Mr. BLUNT caused much amusement by announcing at the opening of his remarks that he appeared to advocate the bill "introduced by Mr. SWEENEY." Mr. RICHMOND, a member of the Committee, interrupted him by saying that he introduced the bill. "Well, it's of no consequence," replied BLUNT; "there is no use in mincing matters. It's SWEENEY's bill. He drew it up, and I've had a talk with him about it." This blunt admission that the head of the Tammany ring was the author of the bill did not help its chances before the Committee. Not much.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE....ALBANY, Tuesday, March 30.

BILLS PASSED.

Amending the charter of the Barker and Chenango Bridge Company.

Providing for the improvement of Grasse River.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Incorporating the National Institute of Letters, Arts and Sciences. Among the corporators are Messrs. Bryant, Metley, Richard Grant White, Presidents Woolsey and Hopkins, Messrs. Dwight, Bisley, Brevoort, Daniel Huntington and Tweed. Donating to the American Museum of Natural History duplicate specimens of natural History belonging to the State collection.

By Mr. PIERSON—To amend the act establishing civil and criminal Courts in Brooklyn.

By a resolution of Mr. O'DONNEL, the Canal Board was requested to report what contracts had been made for preserving and improving the Albany basin.

The bill increasing the salaries of the Judges of Appeals and of the Supreme Court was recommitted, with instructions that it be amended to include the Clerk of the Court of Appeals; also, that in case of the removal of the present constitutional restrictions, the Justices then in office shall, for services thereafter rendered, receive compensation as provided in this act.

Mr. HALE rose to a question of privilege concerning attacks made upon himself as Chairman of the Committee investigating the charges of corruption in the Senate last Winter. He defended the Committee from the attacks in the Rochester *Democrat* and the *Tribune*. Mr. MORGAN replied in defence of Mr. BROWN, the editor of the *Democrat*. Mr. NICHOLS, a member of the Committee, avowed himself ready to stand by the Committee's report, and said that as to the criticisms of the newspapers he was profoundly indifferent.

The bill punishing bribery was considered, and, after general amendments, progressed. The bill amending the charter of the New-York and Brooklyn Bridge was ordered to a third reading.

Adjourned.

ASSEMBLY.

Mr. KIMBALL's bill for the better protection of mechanics by abolishing the contract system of labor in prisons, made progress in Committee of the Whole, the amendment offered by Mr. BRADGRANT pending, to strike out the provision prohibiting convicts from receiving any pay or emolument for services. It was ordered to a third reading.

ORDERED TO A THIRD READING.

Incorporating the Mechanics' Savings Bank of Auburn. Passed.

To amend the incorporation of the Sagartian House for the Aged in New-York.

Senate bill relative to evidence in cases lost by fire or by [illegible].

For a new bridge over the Genesee River at Lewiston.

Authorizing the American Popular Life Insurance Company to increase its capital stock.

Incorporating the Buffalo Turnverein; also the Independent Turnverein of Brooklyn.

To amend the charter of Lockport.

To aid in the construction of the Cherry Valley and Mohawk River Railroad.

To amend the school law of Ogdensburg.

To amend the law preventing the spread of rinderpest.

Authorizing Binghamton to purchase two toll-bridges and maintain the same free.

To amend the charter of Elmira.

To facilitate the formation of corporations under a general law.

Incorporating the Social Mesmerizer in New-York.

BILLS PASSED.

To amend the charter of the Western Homopathic Dispensary in New-York.

Incorporating the Order of Good Templars of the State.

The bill incorporating the New-York Club Company was lost by 37 to 45.

Forbidding towns to build a railroad from Monticello to Port Jervis.

For an iron bridge over the canal at Fulton.

Incorporating the Ogdensburg Savings Bank.

The bill to aid the New-York and Albany Railroad was lost.

Recess.

EVENING SESSION.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. FERRIS—To aid the Rondout and Oswego Railway.

By Mr. DOOLITTLE—To incorporate the Father Mathew Total Abstinence Society of Oswego.

By Mr. CAMPBELL—To encourage the investment of foreign capital in the State, and for the protection of capital invested in joint stock companies.

By Mr. DECKER—Incorporating the Bricklayers, Plasterers and Masons' Protective Union of Staten Island.

By Mr. BURNS—To establish a ward for the medical and surgical treatment of persons wounded or taken ill in New-York, south of Canal-street.

By Mr. T. J. CAMPBELL—To prevent the use of old and filthy barrels or boxes for the packing of sugar, flour or other food.

The Excise bill, after some discussion, was postponed until Wednesday evening. Several bills of no general interest were ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

At 10 P. M., adjourned to 10 P. M. to-morrow.

ANTHONY BRENNAN, of No. 535 West Twenty-fourth-street, aged 26, was severely cut about the chest by a circular saw at LAWRENCE's moulding mill, corner of Tenth-avenue and Thirtieth-street. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital.

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MARRIED.

CLARKSON—DE PEYSTER.—On Monday, March 29, by Rev. J. Cotton Smith, BAYARD CLARKSON to ELINA L., daughter of James de Peyster.

DE FORD—GREGG.—In Paris, on Thursday, March 18, by Rev. W. O. Lamson, CHARLES D. DE FORD, Jr., of New-York City, to HELEN AMANDA H. GREGG, second daughter of his late A. M. Gregg, Esq., of Alabama.

FARRAGUT—METCALFE.—On Tuesday, March 30, at Grace Church, by Rev. R. C. Foster, D. D., Lieutenant LOVALL FARRAGUT, U. S. Army, to GERTRUDE, daughter of Dr. Cohen T. Metcalfe, of New-York.

KELLOGG—ELLIS.—On Tuesday, March 30, at St. Ignatius's Church, by Rev. F. A. Bacon, Rev. Joseph F. Kellogg, of New-York, to Mrs. JULIA C. ELLIS, daughter of Philip Verplanck, Esq., of Newburgh.

WILSON—KRIEG.—On Tuesday, March 30, 1869, at the Church of the Epiphany, by Rev. R. H. Lancock, CHARLES H. WILSON to EMMA L. KRIEG, both of this City. No cards.

DIED.

BROOKS.—On Tuesday, March 30, GILBERT B. BROOKS, in the 46th year of his age.

His friends and those of the family, and the members of Charter Oak Lodge No. 38, F. and A. M., are invited to attend his funeral from his late residence, No. 113 Wyckoff-st., Brooklyn, on Friday, April 2, at 2 o'clock.

BROWN.—At Rahway, N. J., on Tuesday, March 30, LOUISA TRILOTT, daughter of John J. and Almira L. Brown, in the 8th year of her age.

Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral on Thursday, April 1, at 11 A. M., from the residence of her father, Rahway, Trains leave foot of Cortlandt-st., New-York, at 8:10 A. M. Her remains will be taken to Green-Wood.

BOYD.—On Tuesday morning, March 30, after a short illness, HOWARD JAMES, son of Edward A. and Elizabeth Boyd, aged 3 years, 7 months and 21 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral on Thursday, April 1, at 1 o'clock P. M., from the Church of the Advent, 45th-st., east of 6th-av., without further invitation.

CALLEY.—On Tuesday, March 30, ROSALIE ST. GEORGE, only daughter of Charles Gates and Mary Johnson Colley, aged 3 years and 10 months.

Funeral on Thursday, April 1, at 12½ o'clock, from the Church of the Redeemer, Astoria. Boat leaves Peck-slip at 11½ o'clock A. M.

DOUGLASS.—On Monday morning, March 29, suddenly, GEORGE DOUGLASS, Esq., in the 75th year of his age.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral services at his late residence, No. 12 West 16th-st., on Thursday at 10 A. M., without further notice.

LANE.—On Monday, March 29, BENJAMIN HOWLAND LANE, in the 54th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral from his late residence, No. 233 East 23d-st., on Thursday morning at 10½ o'clock.

MCGEOUGH.—On Monday, March 29, ANN MCGEOUGH, wife of the late John McGeough, in the 56th year of her age.

The funeral will take place from her late residence, No. 215 Elizabeth-st., this day, (Wednesday,) March 31, at 2 o'clock P. M.

PRINCE.—On Sunday morning, March 28, WILLIAM R. PRINCE, in the 76th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral from his late residence, in the village of Flushing, on Wednesday, the 31st inst., at 1 P. M. Train leaves Hunter's Point at 12, and Jamaica or 26th-st., at 11½ o'clock.

PETTIGREW.—On Sunday, March 28, after a painful illness, JOHN PETTIGREW, in the 65th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family, and those of his sons, Robert and John W., and of his son-in-law, Charles Olde and J. E. Weekes, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from his late residence, No. 238 8th-av., on Tuesday, April 1, at 1 o'clock.

POST.—Suddenly, at Chester, Penn., JOHN J. POST, eldest son of William and Mary J. Post, of Great Neck, L. I.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

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REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Yesterday was a very undecided sort of day, neither clear nor stormy, cash by turns, but neither long. The real estate market was very much like the weather, very unreliable and rather inclined to be cloudy. The salesroom was well filled, and though the proportion of mere lookers-on was large, yet there was a fair sprinkling of honest bidders, and the sales were generally more satisfactory than on Monday. The auctioneers, encouraged by the increased attendance and more animated appearance of their audiences, went to work with more heartiness and energy than they have shown for some days past, and succeeded in making some very fair sales.

We supposed the utter prostration which has existed for some days past, would not last long, and our suppositions have proved correct. Already there is a little improvement, and the market is slowly recovering. There is no reason why desirable and well-located property should not now sell well. The enthusiasm and false excitement which characterized the market some weeks ago has ended. The speculative element is almost destroyed, and in its downfall the market has been greatly benefited. From this time forth, for the rest of this season at least, it will stand on a more substantial and business-like foundation, and will consequently find greater favor among the monied men who purchase only for investment. The great demand for West end lots, which for a time existed, made large sums of money for many men, and added greatly to the income of the auctioneers; but in this excitement other pieces of equally valuable property were slighted, and though the sales for a time were very large and very profitable, the general market suffered, and is now feeling the effect of the indiscretion.

It is noticeable at the sales that business property, unless located very far down town, still holds its own, and seems but very slightly affected by the recent changes. Improved up-town property, south of the Central Park, also holds quite firm, and if in desirable and healthy locations, always commands good rates. As the Spring opens, the demand for country lots will doubtless increase, and large sales of this class of property may be expected. It is too early in the season yet to bring them in the market, but a little later, when the roads are better and the weather has become more favorable, when the grass appears, the trees put forth their foliage, and the flowers beautify the scene, and when nature appears most inviting, then there will be offered very many excellent opportunities to buy delightful plots; where the business man, tired after the labors of the day, may take refuge, free from the dusty City and its cares, and, enjoying the pure air of Heaven and the sweet-smelling perfume of the fields and the flowers, truly rest and refresh himself, that he may return on the morrow, strong and hearty and able to bear the fatigues of the day. Along the banks of the Hudson, Harlem and East Rivers, in Westchester and the adjoining counties, in New-Jersey and elsewhere, there are many just such plots. A fair number of them will be offered, and it is safe to predict for them ready sales and good prices.

The Jersey City property offered yesterday by Messrs. BLEECKER & CO. sold well. The house and lot No. 39 Washington-street brought $12,750; No. 184 Montgomery-street, 25x100, $12,400; the other property sold equally well. Messrs. E. H. LUDLOW & CO. disposed of the property belonging to the estate of HOSEA DUGLISS, deceased, very satisfactorily. The property No. 15 Ann-street sold for $25,000. No. 223 East Broadway, extending through to No. 221 Division-street, $11,000. No. 54 First-avenue, northeast corner of Third-street, $23,200. Other important sales were made, the particulars of which will be found below.

Messrs. E. H. LUDLOW & CO. will sell eight lots on One Hundred and Twenty-third-street, between New and Ninth avenues, nearly opposite Morningside Park, and in the vicinity of St. Nicholas-avenue and Manhattan-street, lots each 25x100.11; the first-class four-story brick house and lot, No. 111 West Forty-third-street, north side; the first-class four-story brown-stone house and lot, No. 161 East Thirty-fourth-street; the two-story and attic frame dwelling, about 32x48, and three lots of ground south side of One Hundred and Thirty-first-street, 125 feet east of Twelfth-avenue, each lot 25x99.11. These lots are near the Grand Boulevard, Riverside Park, Manhattan-street, and the Hudson River Railroad Depot at the foot of the street.

Messrs. A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO. will sell four lots on the north side of One Hundred and Thirty-second-street, west of Fifth-avenue, each 25x¾ block; four lots on north side of One Hundred and Forty-seventh-street, 200 feet east of Eighth-avenue, each 20x¾ block; one lot on west side of Fourth-avenue, 25.5 feet south of One Hundred and Seventieth-street; five building lots on south side of One Hundred and Fifteenth-street, commencing 100 feet west of Third-avenue, each 25x100.11; eight lots on north side of One Hundred and Forty-eighth-street, 200 feet west of Seventh-avenue Boulevard, each 25x99.11.

Messrs. MULLER, WILKINS & CO. will sell four lots on the southwest corner of the Boulevard and Eighty-eighth-street, four on the southeast corner of Boulevard and Eighty-first-street, with two lots in the rear on Eighty-first-street, nine lots, comprising the entire front on the south side of Eighty-eighth-street, between the Boulevard and Eleventh-avenue, including the avenue front; the lot of land, with four-story brick house thereon, No. 116 Second-avenue; the three-story and basement houses and lots Nos. 40 and 42 Second-avenue, lots on Eighth and Madison avenues, and several pieces of unimproved up-town property; also property at Morrisania and Fort Washington.

Mr. JAMES M. MILLER will offer the four-story brick store and dwelling No. 26 Sixth-avenue; the three-story brown-stone house No. 14 Dunscomb-place, (One Hundred and Twenty-eighth-street, between Second and Third avenues;) two-story brick house No. 190 East Broadway; four-story brick house No. 4 Jefferson-street; four-story brick house No. 179 Division-street, and a valuable parcel of land on Forty-first-street, south side, between Seventh and Eighth avenues.

Mr. A. H. NICOLAY will sell the four-story brown-stone house and lot No. 26 South Ninth-street, Brooklyn, E. D.; also, four unimproved lots adjoining, including the corner of Second-street.

Messrs. JOHNSON & MILLER and Messrs. WYCKOFF & LITTLE have extensive sales of Brooklyn property.

Auction Sales Yesterday.

NEW-YORK CITY.

By Moller, Willmer & Co.

4-story frame house and lot, s. e. 21st-st., about 80 ft. e. of 4th-av., lot 18.8x100.11, S. S. Kingston $4,075
4-story frame house and lot adjoining, 18.8x100.11, ... 4,000
4-story frame house and lot adjoining, 18.8x100.11, J. Bowling 4,050
4-story frame house and lot adjoining, 24.8x100.11, ... 3,900
4-story frame house and lot adjoining, 24.11 x100.11, S. B. Kingston 4,000
lot adjoining, 18.8x100.11, ... 4,050
lot adjoining, 18.8x100.11, s. w. of 11th-av., feet thereof, J. Ellis 3,200
lot adjoining, same size, J. Ellis 3,000
lot adjoining, same size, J. Walker 3,000
lot 25 ft. e. of 11th-av., 18.8x100.11, J. Walker 3,000
lot s. e. corner of 20th-st., 18.8x100.11, W. Walker 3,000
lot adjoining, fronting 20th-st., 18.8x100.11, J. Walker 3,000
4-story brick house and lot No. 60 Rivington-st., 18.8x100, J. Walker 3,000
4-story brick house and lot No. 62 Rivington-st., 18.8x100, G. A. Kennedy 3,000
4-story brick house and lot No. 64 Rivington-st., lot 18.8x100, Mr. Porter 3,000
4-story brick house and lot No. 66 Rivington-st., lot 18.8x100, F. C. Lounsbery 3,000
4-story brick house and lot No. 68 Rivington-st., lot 18.8x100, M. Lamartine 3,000
2-story and frame houses, R. A. Gibbs, 25 ft. w. of 4th-av., lot 37x99.11, W. Downes 10,000
4-story brick house and lot No. 38 Bowery, lot 25x100, A. A. Nones 8,800

By J. F. Bleecker, Son & Co.

4-story brick house and lot s. e. of 3rd-st., 20 ft. w. of 2d-av.; lot 20x90; Thomas Cunningham $11,750
3-story and attic brick house and lot, 20 ft. w. of 9th-av., lot 20x100.4, A. Bonar 11,400
lots w. e. of Ninth-av., 20 ft. s. of 54th-st., each 20x100, Jacob Sarles 12,400
lots w. e. of 11th-st., 20 ft. s. of 6th-av., 40x100, Joseph Lewis 6,700
4-story brick house and lot, s. e. of 4th-st., 20 ft. e. of 2d-av., lot 20x90, W. Cullen 11,400
4-story brick house and lot, s. e. corner of 4th-st. and 2d-av., lot 20x90, same, each 11,400
lots s. e. of 2d-st., 20 ft. s. of 4th-st., each

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

JAMES M. MILLER, Auctioneer.

PEREMPTORY SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.—By order of the Supreme Court, under the Referee of David Hartley, Esq., will be SOLD at Auction, on THURSDAY, April 1, 1869, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, the following valuable Real Estate, viz.:

Six lots of land on the west side of 4th-av., 24 feet 8 inches north from Atlantic.

HOUSES AND LOTS ON HARRISON-ST.—R. M. GRAHAM will sell at auction on THURSDAY, April 1, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, the two-story and attic brick dwellings, with cellars, lot 18x50, Nos. 16 and 18 Harrison-st., near Jefferson-st.; lot 18x50, house 18x40; gas and water. Maps and further particulars at the Auctioneer's office, No. 14 Pine-st.

NEW-YORK SUPREME COURT, CITY and County of New-York.—GARALINE G. SMITH and MARY A. WEST STUBE, by their guardian ad litem, ELIZA L. LENTILHON, HENRY J. SMITH and others, Defendants.—In pursuance of a judgment of the Supreme Court of the State of New-York, made in the above entitled action, I, the undersigned, Referee therein named for the purpose of selling at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, in the City of New-York, on WEDNESDAY, the 14th day of April, 1869, at noon, REUBEN H. LOCKE & Co., Auctioneers, the following described pieces or parcels of land, to wit: All that certain messuage or tenement, with the appurtenances, situated, lying and being on the southerly side of Pearl-st., in the Seventh Ward of the City of New-York, and known and distinguished as the southerly half of lot number twenty-five, in Block No. 97, according to the map or plan of said Ward, bounded northerly in front by said st., easterly by a messuage and lot of ground now or late belonging to John Mason, southerly in the rear by a lot of ground belonging to the heirs of John Ogden, and westerly by a messuage and lot of ground now or late belonging to Thomas Weddington, containing in breadth in front twenty-one feet seven inches, and in the rear twenty-one feet, and in depth twenty-five feet on the east side one hundred and two feet, and on the westerly side one hundred feet nine inches, to the said centre monument or line.

Also all that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, with the building and improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the present Fifteenth, late Ninth Ward, of the City of New-York, bounded and distinguished on a map of thirty-seven lots of ground in said Fifteenth Ward of said City, made by W. B. Doughty, City Surveyor, and filed in the Office of the Register, in and for the City and County of New-York, (an which said map is written the title of a suit in chancery wherein Henry Brevoort was complainant, and Robert McIlmoyl and others were defendants,) by the number 31, and which is bounded northeasterly in front by Tenth-st., southeasterly by a lot of ground designated on said map as number 32, northwesterly by a lot of ground designated on said map as number 13, and northwesterly by a lot of ground designated on said map as number 12, and containing in breadth in front and rear twenty-five feet, and in length on each side ninety-two feet and three and a half inches.—Dated New-York, March 9, 1869. JOHN M. WHITING, Referee.

FOSTER & THOMSON, Plaintiffs' Attorneys.
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AUCTION SALES.

GOVERNMENT SALE.

At the Augusta Arsenal, near Augusta, Ga., on the 21st of April, 1869, commencing at 10 o'clock A. M., the following articles will be sold at public auction, viz.:

2,000 pounds Unfinished Artillery Harness, Gunstock Spokes, Machine Screws, Axle-trees and tires, Gun-carriage Bolts, Cast-iron Screws, Cast-iron Washers, Cast-iron Bolts, Cast-iron Sockets, Cast-iron Rollers, Cast-iron Pulleys, Cast-iron Gunlock Springs, Cast-iron Gun-carriage Bolts, Cast-iron Gun-carriage Washers, Cast-iron Gun-carriage Sockets, Cast-iron Gun-carriage Rollers, Cast-iron Gun-carriage Pulleys, Cast-iron Gun-carriage Springs, Cast-iron Gun-carriage Axle-trees, Cast-iron Gun-carriage Tires, Cast-iron Gun-carriage Spokes, Cast-iron Gun-carriage Hubs, Cast-iron Gun-carriage Felloes, Cast-iron Gun-carriage Trunnions

WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

THE AGITATION IN MASSACHUSETTS.

Wendell Phillips, Julia Ward Howe and Lucy Stone Restore to Legislative Committees—Mr. Phillips' Speech.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

BOSTON, Tuesday, March 25, 1873.

The friends of woman suffrage are making a tremendous effort to get a law recognizing the right of women to vote and giving it to them, through the Legislature of this State, no doubt believing that, if Massachusetts only sets the ball a-rolling, it will roll throughout the country, and perhaps throughout the world. The petitions keep coming into the lips of the Special Committee, charged with the consideration of this subject, and every honorable influence is brought to bear upon their minds. To-day they gave a public hearing at the State-house, at the request of a Committee of the New-England Woman Suffrage Association, and the logic and eloquence of WENDELL PHILLIPS and LUCY STONE were brought to bear upon them. The Committee-room was crowded by ladies, among whom were representatives of the Woman's Club, and quite a number who are well known in literature and art. Mr. PHILLIPS' speech was his first this season, and is valuable and interesting for its freshness.

SPEECH OF WENDELL PHILLIPS.

Mr. PHILLIPS spoke in his best vein, and with his usual earnestness and vigor. He opened by alluding to Mrs. LUCY STONE, who was to have spoken first, but had not then arrived, and complimenting her very highly for the part she had done, and is doing, in behalf of woman suffrage, and said in this connection that one great evidence of the fitness of woman to take part in political affairs, comes from the fact that it has never been presented as a duty, urged as thoroughly, as by her. He had been present since that at two-thirds of the Woman Suffrage Conventions, and he could say without flattery that he had never listened to an argument on this subject from man's lips which began to compare with those from woman's lips. Passing to a discussion, then, of the subject of the hour, he said in beginning that it was no new subject. The first Convention was held in Ohio in 1850, and in this Commonwealth in 1851, 1852 and 1853. It is not new in England. It may, perhaps, be said to have made further progress in England than here. It is the universal movement of the thoughtful minds of the century. Two-thirds of the thinking men of the day, whose works and words on political questions are valued, recognize the right of woman to political equality. The majority of men admit it, giving them to that right. He read only one of that petition presented to the House of Commons two years ago, bearing the names of about every distinguished writer in the English tongue—if you take the English tongue, those works make the English tongue so rich to-day. It is not a sectional question. And it is, now that slavery is out of the arena, the great question of the day. He advocated woman suffrage, first, on the ground of simple, absolute right. No one could deny this argument without denying the whole history of civilization and the Declaration. Since Massachusetts has ceased to be a commonwealth, and this nation a nation, the recognized rights of suffrage and representation have been co-relative. The fundamental principle of the politics of America is that there is no right to tax the earnings of a human being to disrupt the homes of society unless you allow that human a voice in the Government. Suffrage, and representation, have been the basis of our Government ever since 1776, and ever since 1620. Running side by side with that is the principle that there is no right to make the man not responsible to law in the way of penalty, unless he has consented to the law. There are two cardinal principles of English and American civil law. How apply these to women. In the City of St. Louis there are 20,000 women, standing in the name of unmarried women, taxed. In Illinois there are more. Taxation, therefore, ought to be coupled with the ballot. Again, woman is responsible to the law; she has throughout, right to a voice in making the law. Nobody would dare to disregard the principles lay at the root of our politics. The only question is, to apply it to both sexes. If any question they are cumulative, but not as to women. In Boston, they have the burden of proof upon them. He advocated woman suffrage, not simply on the ground, without any regard to Anglo-Saxon and English precedent, of absolute right. The Declaration of American Independence refers to certain inalienable and inherent rights. How, then, can it be said that it was a subject for regret that there was any right to be conferred on a human being by the authority of the law? Woman is competent to suffer the penalty of law; why is she not then competent to express an opinion on the law that makes her suffer? We don't frame ballots on brains. The introduction of woman into politics would not necessitate the tying up of politics a hundred years. Men are ruled by cold, because woman is better than man. He did not believe that woman was better than man; but this he believed—that when you introduce the woman element into politics, not because woman is better than man, but because it is right, better results follow. Women can't do differently from the men of their people in the one-third of our progress. The introduction into politics of woman would result in the elevation of politics, because of the harmony of the relations of the sexes thereby. This principle can readily be seen. The literature of five-hundred years ago was written by men alone, and consequently is not fit for introduction into the family circle of to-day. But after woman was brought into the circle of reading, literature has become elevated. Tennyson and Dickens write now with woman in their eyes, and therefore their pictures are clean. This is not because woman is better than man, but because of the harmony of the relation of the sexes. Once upon a time, when women were held down from the ballot, Sojourner Truth said, "Ain't I a woman?" Honor the King," it don't mean that men are more honorable than women; it means simply it is to be respected. It puts in a specific form a general principle. So when it alludes to the condition of the sexes under the Eastern and Oriental creeds, it is nothing to us. Man had no more right to express an opinion in Judea than woman. The Government of those days was not a Government of right but of force. The man who knows how to use force always plays too much. If the Old Testament is followed on the gallows question every man will pray, "Lord, on Sunday should be hanged." If the New Testament is an authority on the free position of woman, we must go back to the Gospels, read them, and make "a good harmony" out of the Bible. Why select one verse and leave the rest to the religious question. Then we come wrongly to the expediency of granting it and the instead of using it. And on this point he wished first to crush two of the things that he did not believe. He did not believe that woman was the same as man. Her whole nature was different. But that doesn't diminish her equality with man. Fulton could make steamboats, and Raphael could paint pictures; but Raphael would have been a fool at making steamboats, and Fulton would have been a fool at painting pictures. But that doesn't diminish their equality. One man could lead an army, and one could make a watch; but because one could make a watch and would not lead an army, and because the other would lead an army and could not make a watch, their political equality was not diminished. No man ever asked Fulton or Raphael, or Daniel Webster, he had not as good a right to the ballot as Daniel Webster had. It is no matter whether men are equal in intellect or not. We don't frame political rights on equality of intellect. They are not equal in intellect, though Salmon P. Chase, though he cannot trace the sunbeam or interpret the star, is competent to vote. He is competent to be hanged, so he has the right to speak on the law that hangs him. Woman is competent to suffer the penalty of law; why is she not then competent to express an opinion on the law that makes her suffer? We don't frame ballots on brains. The introduction of woman into politics would not necessitate the tying up of politics a hundred years. Men are ruled by cold, because woman is better than man. He did not believe that woman was better than man; but this he believed—that when you introduce the woman element into politics, not because woman is better than man, but because it is right, better results follow. Women can't do differently from the men of their people in the one-third of our progress. The introduction into politics of woman would result in the elevation of politics, because of the harmony of the relations of the sexes thereby. This principle can readily be seen. 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NEW PUBLICATIONS.

HER MAJESTY'S TOWER. By HEPWORTH DIXON. Philadelphia: LIPPINCOTT & CO. New-York: HARPER & BROTHERS.

Mr. HEPWORTH DIXON has made a book on the Tower of London. In a somewhat singularly-worded preface, he states the origin of the work:

"Twenty years ago I wrote some chapters on the Tower, especially on the human interests which cling round it; and since that time I have noted, with care, such passages in either the State papers or printed books as threw light into the cells once occupied by the heroes and martyrs of English story. This volume—a book of identifications—is the fruit of this long-continued search."

We are still left in uncertainty, however, as to the nature of the causes which originally attracted Mr. DIXON's attention to the Tower of London. It certainly is not a subject which gives scope for exhibiting the comprehensiveness of view, the minute accuracy of detail, or the truthfulness of generalization by which others of his works are so notoriously characterized. It does not even afford him an opportunity for the display of that rare art, which he possesses in so eminent a degree, of treating a certain class of subjects with a chaste delicacy of treatment which robs them of half their unpleasantness. Perhaps it was merely a wish to display to an admiring public the versatility of his genius that induced him to take up the subject. After having "sat down" before the Tower—to use a strategic metaphor—for twenty years without accomplishing anything so far as the world at large could see, he suddenly takes it by a literary *coup de main*, amidst a great flourish of trumpets and beating of gongs by his retainers. Our business, however, is with Mr. DIXON's work, and not the motives which induced him to write it.

As we said just now, Mr. DIXON has "made a book" about the Tower. And the phrase conveys the best idea of the nature of the work. It is a decidedly bad specimen of commonplace book-making, foisted upon the public in an absurdly pretentious guise. The title—*Her Majesty's Tower*—is in itself misleading. It gives the idea that the work is a monograph, historical, antiquarian and architectural, of the Tower, with, of course, due reference to "the human interests which cling round it." But in reality it is nothing of the kind. The actual connection between nine-tenths of Mr. DIXON's work and his subject is of the slightest possible character. The few pages which he devotes to the actual history of the building, consist merely of scrappy and badly-arranged guide-book facts, mixed up with a great deal of "tall talk" about the magnitude and fascinations of his subject. For the antiquarian portion of his task, which in other hands might have been rendered extremely interesting to the general reader as well as to those more specially devoted to such branches of study, Mr. DIXON possesses no qualifications whatever. He is, as we know, both personally and in his official capacity as editor of the *Athenæum*, endowed with the attribute of subjective omniscience in a highly remarkable degree. But we cannot get rid of the belief that to treat properly a subject like that of the material features and architectural history of the Tower, more practical qualifications are requisite.

Mr. DIXON commences by asserting that the Tower is "the most ancient and most poetic pile in Europe." Now, without stopping at present to consider the correctness of Mr. DIXON's theory as to the relative antiquity of the Tower and other European buildings, we must protest against the phrase "poetic pile." If Artemus Ward had used it, we fancy his London audience would have laughed almost as heartily as when he spoke of the Tower as a "sweet boon." But this is only one specimen out of the many instances of clumsy attempts at fantastic "sensations" in phraseology with which the work abounds. His object is evidently to get rid of the Tower itself as soon as possible, because, as he himself beautifully tells us, "the soul is more readily kindled by a human interest than fired by an archaic and official fact." Mr. DIXON's soul must have been in an alarming state of combustion when, as it appears from his own words, he came "to this spot alone, in the early day, when the Tower was noisy with martial doings," and gazed on the building, which appeared to him to be "white with age and wrinkled by remorse." As he gazes:

"Gray keep, green tree, black gate, and frowning battlement stand out, apart from all objects far and near them, menacing, picturesque, enchanting; working on the senses like a spell; and calling us away from our daily world into a world of romance, like that which we find painted in light and shadow on SHAKESPEARE's page."

And he thus meditates:

"You may haply catch, in the hum which rises from the ditch and issues from the wall below you—broken by roll of drum, by blast of bugle, by tramp of soldiers—some echoes, as it rolls through the ages, of the merry notes of a May Day revel; of a State execution; of a Royal entry. You may catch some sound which recalls the thrum of a Queen's virginal, the cry of a victim on the rack, the laughter of a bridal feast. For all these sights and sounds—the dance of love and the dance of death—are part of that gay and tragic memory which clings around the Tower."

But, asbestos-like, Mr. DIXON's soul was not consumed, but is readily kindled again periodically throughout the volume, and always with the same result—the evolution of clouds of fuliginous rhetoric. The origin of the Tower, he tells us, is, "like that of the Iliad, that of the Sphinx and that of the Newton Stone, lost in the nebulous ages, long before our definite history took shape," and while he gives it credit for eleven centuries of "traditional fame" previous to the eight centuries of its "historic life," he very wisely refrains from attempting to enlighten his readers as to the nature of this "traditional fame." "Set against the Tower," he says, with that absurd exaggeration which forms one of his principal faults, "all palaces and prisons appear like things of an hour."

Mr. DIXON's real object, however, has not been to write a history of the Tower, so much as to make it an excuse for stringing together a series of historical sketches, all of them laboured, and many of them disagreeably affected in style, but occasionally redeemed by vigorous descriptive passages, and a few brilliant literary touches. It is impossible to ignore the dramatic skill with which Mr. DIXON treats many of the romantic incidents in the lives of his heroes and heroines. But it is the incurable viciousness of his style that mars the enjoyment of the reader. Many stirring scenes are vividly depicted, many stories of war, love, hatred and crime are vigorously told, but it is impossible to read half a dozen pages without having the illusion destroyed and the feelings jarred upon by some specimen of execrable literary taste, some burst of fustian eloquence, some patch of gaudy word-painting, or some distorted and affected misuse of words. Although there is nothing new, and little that is not already generally known in Mr. DIXON's facts—despite his twenty years' "search,"—there is quite enough in his sketches that is interesting to make the reader sincerely regret the faults by which they are disfigured. The history of the "Pilgrimage of Grace," and the story of "Wild Madge of Cheyne," are fair samples of Mr. DIXON's power as well as of his weakness. "The Life of Lady Jane Grey," "the Nine Days' Queen," is well and strikingly told, notwithstanding the frequent signs of a craving for sensational and illegitimate literary "effects." But it is in his brief biography of Sir WALTER RALEIGH, "the most eminent and interesting prisoner ever lodged in the Tower," that Mr. DIXON appears in the most favorable light. We have spoken so fully and so freely of his failings and his weaknesses, that it is but justice to day the following passage—the best, perhaps, in the volume—before our readers:

"The warrant for his death reached the Tower at 8 o'clock on a dark October morning. RALEIGH was in bed; but on hearing the Lieutenant's voice he sprang lightly to his feet, threw on his hose and doublet, and left his room. At the door he met PETER, his barber, coming in. 'Sir,' said PETER, 'we have not curled your head this morning.' RALEIGH smiled: 'Let them comb it that shall have it.' PETER followed him to the gate, while RALEIGH kept on joking in his usual vein. 'PETER,' he said, 'dost thou give me any plaster to set on a man's head when it is off?'

Next day it was off in Palace Yard; the proudest head that ever rolled into English dust.

That day was thought to be a very sad day for Englishmen. The partisans of Spain went mad with joy.

Yet the victory was not to Spain. A higher power than man's directs the course of a nation's life; the death of a hero is not failure; for the martyr's blood is stronger than a thousand swords. The day of RALEIGH's death was the day of a new English Birth. ELIOT was not the only youth of ardent soul who stood by the scaffold in Palace Yard, to note the matchless spirit in which the martyr met his fate, and walk away from that solemnity—a new man. Thousands of men in every part of England who had led a careless life became from that very hour the sleepless enemies of Spain. The purposes of RALEIGH were accomplished, in the very way which his genius had contrived. Spain held the dominion of the sea, and England took it from her. Spain excluded England from the New World, and the genius of that New World is English.

The large contest in the new political system of the world, then young, but clearly enough defined, had come to turn upon this question: Shall America be mainly Spanish and theocratic, or English and free? RALEIGH said it should be English and free. He gave his blood, his fortune, and his genius to the great thought in his heart; and, in spite of that scene in Palace Yard, which struck men as the victory of Spain, America is at this moment English and free."

In conclusion we may remark that although Mr. DIXON does not pretend to exhaust the characters or scenes connected more or less directly with the Tower in his sketches, there are several omissions which cannot easily be accounted for. Surely, Mr. DIXON's long-continued research must have made him conversant with the connexion with the Tower of the "Geraldines," the great Norman-Irish family of the FITZGERALDS, a family whose history for eight hundred years is more replete with romance and stirring incident than that of any historic family in Great Britain, PERCYS, DOUGLASES and HOWARDS not excepted. The Earl of KILDARE died in the Tower in 1534; his son, "Silken THOMAS," was seized by treachery and imprisoned there; five of Earl THOMAS' brothers were subsequently arrested, thrown in the Tower, and the six brothers were finally hanged at Tyburn. During the long record of the struggles of Irish patriotism during the sixteenth century, the illustrious family of the GERALDINES was always gallantly to the front, and always furnished the first victims to the vengeance of the conquerors. For a hundred years the Tower was rarely without one or more of the family lying in its dungeons. And yet Mr. DIXON never even alludes to them. Should the merits of his work so far outweigh its defects, in the eyes of the English public, as to render a second edition necessary, we trust Mr. DIXON will at least repair this unpardonable omission.

MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES; THEIR MUTUAL RELATIONS AND COMMON INTERESTS. By GORHAM D. ABBOT, LL.D., with portraits on steel of JUAREZ and ROMERO, and colored maps. New-York: G. P. PUTNAM & SON.

Mr. ABBOT has given the public a timely book on the civil and foreign relations of Mexico. Himself an earnest champion of the struggling Republic, he pleads her cause with eloquence, sparing no word to prove its justice, as well as its importance to the United States. "The two Republics have a common cause, mutual relations and identical interests," and the stronger should help the weaker in her hour of need. The words of President LINCOLN: "*The Republic of Mexico must rise again*," are quoted, not only as expressing the internal necessities of the Mexican people, but as furnishing the indispensable preliminary to any settlement of what the author terms the "*Western Question*," which he regards as of equal if not greater immediate and prospective importance than the "Eastern Question," with which "all Europe has been moved for years."

The first part of the volume is devoted to a review of the history of Mexico in comparison with that of other nations in the same stage of development, and especially with that on which "the sun never sets," that cannot but leave the impression that the balance is in favor of the Indians. Thus he quotes as follows, concerning the Aztecs, from the Abbé CLAVIGERO, who resided nearly forty years in the provinces of New-Spain, and who cannot be suspected of any sympathetic leaning toward the conquered race:

"Their minds are at bottom in every respect like those of the other children of Adam, and endowed with the same powers. The Europeans never did less credit to their own reason than when they doubted that of the Americans. The state of civilization among the Americans when they were first known to the Spaniards, was much superior to that of the Spaniards themselves when they were first known to the Phœnicians, that of the Gauls when they were first known to the Greeks, or that of the Germans and Britons when first known to the Romans."

And yet in the face of these facts, when the great masses of the Mexican people have arisen in struggles "for freedom, for knowledge, for self-improvement, and self-government; instead of a word of encouragement and cheer from men whose souls are lighted with wisdom from on high, they have received, with too few exceptions, the scorn and derision of the world."

Mr. ABBOT deals at length with the Church question, and while he utterly disclaims the intention of casting any reflection "upon any of the truths or institutions of the Holy Catholic Christian Religion," brings a mass of testimony from all parties to prove that that religion had, in Mexico, become utterly perverted from its ancient purity. Trammelled with savage rites with which it had centuries ago clothed itself to be acceptable to a half-civilized people, and administered by a clergy too far removed from the enlightening influences which the world's advancement had elsewhere thrown around it, and too remote from the higher tribunals to be directly amenable to their authority, the Church system had become only a curse.

Passing from the history of the abuses of the old *regimé*, the author next gives a short biography of BENITO JUAREZ, and sketches of the members of his Cabinet. The following anecdote will illustrate the toleration of the great chief, whose indomitable courage and perseverance have surmounted difficulties unparalleled in the history of nations:

"In January, 1867, the President and Cabinet left the City of Durango, on their way to the capital. On reaching Sombrote they were met by delegations after delegations, and by crowds of men, women and children, as if the whole city had come out to welcome him. * * * At the principal building of the place, where the President was received, the people had spread a French flag on the pavement, over which whoever entered the building had to walk. I did not observe the President as he went in; but, walking out with the Minister of War, General YOSACHO MAHIA, I observed that he avoided stepping on it as much as possible. One of the principal citizens of the place also noticed it, and exclaimed, 'You do not tread upon the French flag.' 'I admired,' says an eye-witness to his noble manner, 'as he replied: 'It is the French Emperor, not France, that makes war upon us. France is Republican at heart, and will soon lead the van in republicanizing the Old World, while we, in connection with the United States, will republicanize the New. That flag represents the French people, and will yet assert its republican rights; let us, therefore, respect it in that light.'"

The Mexican question, from a French point of view, as Mr. ABBOT develops it by extensive quotations from the Abbé DOMENECH, the Chaplain of MAXIMILIAN's Empire, forms an interesting part of the work. The good Abbé's opinions of the United States are infinitely more amusing than flattering, and the terms in which he characterizes Mr. SEWARD would satisfy the Ex-Secretary's worst enemies. But his opinions of the Mexican people, which are published for the purpose of enlightening France and other European Powers, may prove of more serious import if allowed to pass uncontradicted.

Mr. ABBOT next reviews the history of the Monroe Doctrine, and passing from that to the subject of interoceanic transits, dwells upon the importance which other nations have long ago attached to the proposed Isthmus canal, and the comparative phlegm with which the United States has looked on at foreign plans for making this gigantic scheme a reality. The author's opinions on this point are ably and fully expressed in his account of the proceedings of the American Asiatic Society. In reference to the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty of 1850, the following anecdote is related of Senator DOUGLAS:

"It is stated that while it was pending before the Senate, there was a dinner party somewhere, at which the British Minister and the Senator were present. During the interview the Minister addressed the Senator, stating that he understood he was violently opposed to his treaty, and asked him why.

The Senator replied that he was opposed to it; but that, if the Minister would assent to the insertion of *two words* in the first article, he would vote for it.

'Very well,' responded the Minister, 'what are they?

'After the words,' said Mr. DOUGLAS, 'Nicaragua, Costa Rica, the Mosquito Coast, or any part of Central America, add, *or India!*'

'Oh, but,' said the Minister, 'the United States have no colonies in India.'

'Neither has Great Britain any colonies in Central America,' replied the Senator."

It is needless to say that the plan proposed in this volume embodies the force of these two words.

The importance of the present struggle in Mexico is best expressed in the words of the author:

"The battle array, on the one side is the 'army of the nations,' who claim the 'rights of man' on the other, that old traditional despotism of Rome—the consolidated combination of a thousand years. Its origin, history, discipline, wealth and power are known. Its principles and present attitude of defiance are loudly proclaimed to the world.

It is the grand pronunciamento—not of a 'Church' Party in Mexico against a handful of Republicans resolved there 'to do or die,—but it is the pronunciamento of the Great Hierarchy of the Earth against all the great principles of modern civilization. Republicanism to-day is a synonym for 'human rights.' It means human rights, political, civil, religious, educational, commercial, in America, in Mexico, in Spain, in Great Britain, all over the world."

ILLUSTRATED LIBRARY OF WONDERS. WONDERS OF OPTICS. By F. MARION. Translated from the French and edited by CHARLES W. QUIN, F.C.S. Illustrated with 70 engravings on wood and a colored frontispiece.

THUNDER AND LIGHTNING. By W. DE FONVILLE. Translated from the French and edited by J. I. PRIDEAUX, Ph. D., F.C.S., &c. Illustrated with 80 engravings on wood. New-York: CHARLES SCRIBNER & CO.

These two handy and attractive little volumes named above are the first installment of one of the best importations we have had for popular enlightenment, from the acute observations of the French and the careful garnering of the English mind. Treating of matters which lie within the every-day experience of everybody, but which are noticed by few, and understood by less, the clever writers of these books have taken pains to explain the more ordinary phenomena and to collect authentic records of multitudes of unusual and exceptional manifestations of these familiar forces. The books are characterized by a free, graceful and engaging style of composition; terse, well-put statements of fact; clear expositions of the observed laws and properties of the natural forces; industrious research and skillful grouping of illustrative examples of their action; numberless anecdotes—marvelous, ludicrous, curious, apt, interesting in every way; and a profuse abundance of pictorial illustration, evidently from French plates, and showing all the peculiar marks of French style, on the one hand neatness, exactness and clearness in the scientific cuts, and on the other dramatic action, and often really fine picturesque effect in the illustrations of incident and natural phenomena.

We are particularly pleased with this edition of the Messrs. SCRIBNER, because of its attractiveness for the young; and it will undoubtedly have an admirable influence in alluring them to the study of many things which, in this inquiring day of general scientific thoughtfulness, every person of intelligence should know, as the very fundamental and primary elements of the questions agitated in our time.

The authors are men of marked scientific repute and official position in France, and it is a happy sign of the times when such authorities find heart and tact enough to turn from the more abstruse walks of science in order to point out these paths of wonder and delight amid familiar things which the heedless many pass every day in stolid and unobservant ignorance.

We greet the *Library of Wonders* with hearty welcome, and hope it may find in its further publication the success it so fairly merits.

A SUMMER VACATION IN THE PARKS AND MOUNTAINS OF COLORADO. By SAMUEL BOWLES. Springfield: SAMUEL BOWLES & CO.

This very portable and instructive little book carries the reader over the track of the Union Pacific Railway to the Switzerland of America, with its broad and fertile plains on the east, its ranges of the Rocky Mountains rolling and folding in the centre, and in the midst of these its lofty plateaus and celebrated natural parks that keep within their magnificent unexplored solitudes a world of mineral and other resources, and nourish, among the forests and gorges, a multitude of streams flowing outward and downward in all directions—east, west and south—to swell the currents of the Rio Grande, the Colorado, the Arkansas, the Platte, the Canadian, and many another "exulting and abounding river" of that central region of our continent. It has the great merit of brevity, setting before the reader all the great features and statistics of a highly interesting subject in few but fitting words.

Leaving at Cheyenne the great railway, which he thinks a *lottie* expensive, but at the same time a most excellent and beneficent performance, Mr. BOWLES, in company with Vice-President COLFAX, Governor BROSS, and a large party, goes down by stage to Denver, a city right in the gangway of the Pacific thoroughfare by the St. Louis route, and therefore destined to be a large and populous capital. Proceeding from this, we are carried to explore the mountains and parks of that magnificent Oberland—concerning which our author says:

"Starting from an elevation at the end of the Plains of five thousand to five thousand five hundred feet, these mountains rapidly carry you up to eight thousand, ten thousand, thirteen thousand, and in fifteen miles to fifteen thousand feet above the sea level. Nine, ten and twelve thousand feet peaks are scattered everywhere—they are the mountains—while those that mount to thirteen or fourteen thousand are plenty enough to be familiar, and are, indeed, rarely out of sight. They do not form a simple line ascending from one and descending to another plain or valley, but are a dozen lines folded on, and mingled among each other, in admirable confusion; opening to let their superfluous waters flow out; closing to hold their treasures and defy the approach of man; gathering up all their strength as it were, to make a peak or two of extra massive proportions, cold with snow and dreary with rock; and shading down into comparatively tender hills, that woo the forests and the flowers to their very summits. The line of peaks that divide the waters that flow to the Atlantic from those coursing into the Pacific—'the divide,' *par excellence*—twists and turns through the Territory, very much in the style of a long and double-backed bow, making an almost entire circle sometimes, and then coming back to its mission as a north and south line. Within its huge folds are other 'divides,' separating the feeders to rival rivers of the same continental side, or rival feeders of the same river, and other ranges with peaks as high as the parent range; and within and among them all, the hills, as if tired of height and perpendicularity, give way to wide plains or prairies, with all the beauties and characteristics of plains and prairies outside the mountain region, and the added charm of holding little baby mountains of their own, diversifying the landscape and feed forest and stream, while up and around them grow, through woods and grassy openings, the grand parent ranges that guard and enfold what are well called 'natural parks.'

These parks are a distinctive and remarkable feature of this mountain centre or belt of Colorado. They open upon the traveler at frequent intervals in charming unexpectedness; rich with grass and water, with trees and flowers, with soft beauty of outline and warm beauty of color, in most admirable contrast to the rough rocks and white snow of the high ranges around. Most of these parks are, of course, *paths*—little wide valleys around the heads of single streams, or the conjunctions of several streams, or the homes of sweet lakes; but there are four great ones that mark the phenomenon and give the name. These are North Park, Middle Park, South Park and San Luis Park, varying in size from twenty by fifty miles to one hundred by two hundred, or say from Rhode Island to Massachusetts—little episodes and interjections among these mountains, by whose size, as thus stated, you may take in some sense of the extent and majesty of the region, of which they are a sub-feature, as a whole.

The North Park extends up to the northern line of the Territory and within thirty or forty miles of the Pacific Railroad; through and out of it flow the head waters of the North Platte; its streams are timbered with cottonwood and its sage brush and buffalo grass and wooded hill-sides offer deer and wolves and and antelopes and bears than are found in the lower and more frequented parks, but its soil is colder as its elevation is higher, and its charms of color and vegetation more sober and sober-hued than those to be found separated by a single but high sub-range of the main mountains. This is fifty miles wide by seventy miles long, and as the continental divide sweeps around on its eastern side, all its waters flow into the Colorado of the West and so into the Pacific. But it embraces within itself several high ranges of hills and two or three different valleys. The great peaks of the Territory lie marshaled around it—Long's Peak, Gray's Peaks and Mount Lincoln, northeast, southeast and southwest, each from 14,000 to 14,400 feet high; and snow-topped mountains circle its whole area. Milder and more beautiful in landscape than the North, it yet falls behind its neighbor on the other side, the South Park, which is thirty miles wide and sixty long, and, fellowshipping with the North Park, comes into the front fall of the bow or circle the continental divide on its west, and furnishes the waters of the Arkansas and the South Platte.

This (the South) is the more beautiful of the parks and the better known. Mining discoveries within and around it have opened roads through it, and bordered it with settlements. It offers a remarkable combination of the beauties of the Plains and those of the Mountains. They mingle and mix in charming association. Wide areas of rich prairie open out before the level eye; upraise it or turn one side, and grand snowy mountains carry the sight up among the clouds; and between these types of natural beauty are plentiful shadings in gently rolling hills, long level banks, thick and diversified forests, bright and bountiful streams—all the grand panorama of nature's art that has built and valley, mountain and plain, Winter and Summer, snow and verdure, trees and rocks, water and waste can produce in combination and comparison, is here spread before the spectator, not from a single spot or in a single hour of his travel, but from mile to mile, from day's journey to day's journey, over the same various scene, yet ever shifting in its kaleidoscopic alliances and changes.

The San Luis Park lies along and around the Arkansas and its tributaries in Southern Colorado and Northern New-Mexico, is the largest and perhaps the most varied of the series of great parks, centres about a grand lake, and is rich alike in agricultural and mineral promise. The Indians have robbed us of our promised peep into its lines, and we know it only by its kinship to those we have visited, and the enthusiastic descriptions of those to whom it is familiar."

Colorado has more than twice the extent of the State of New-York. Its climate is one of the finest and healthiest in the world, and in character of soil it is mainly agricultural and pastoral. "At a rough estimate," says Mr. BOWLES, "the agricultural wealth of Colorado last year (1867) was a million of bushels of corn, half a million of wheat, half a million of oats, barley and vegetables, fifty thousand head of cattle and one hundred thousand sheep." With reference to the minerals of the State, he says:

"The scheme is a good one: the Indians agree to it; and the bargain has been made by the Government agents here—all that is needed is for the authorities at Washington to furnish the means for carrying it into execution. So far as our observation extends, the greatest trouble with our Indian matters lies at Washington; the chief of the cheating and stupidity gathers there; while the Indian agents here upon the ground are, if not immaculate, certainly more intelligent, sensible and practical, and truer to the good of the settler and the Indian than their superiors at the seat of government."

But agriculture will be the great wealth of Colorado. The greatest discouragement of the farmers at present is the hostility of the Indians, who are naturally irritated by the inroad of the white people. It is now proposed, however, that the hill tribes, or Utes, may be induced to go away altogether into the southwest corner of the State, among the more inaccessible hills, and there follow agricultural pursuits and a pastoral life. Our author says:

"There is apparently no limit, in fact, to the growth of the mineral interests of Colorado. The product this year is from two millions to two and a half; next year it will be at least a million more, perhaps a million and a half, or four millions; and the increase will go on indefinitely. For the business is now taken hold of in the right way; prepared for the most part on strictly business principles; and every year must show improvements in the ways and means of mining and treating the ores. The mountains are just full of ores holding fifteen to fifty dollars' worth of the metals per ton; and the only question, as to the amount to be got out, is one of labor and cost as compared with the profits of other pursuits."

VIRGINIA POLITICS.

Speech of Colonel Walker, the Independent Republican Candidate for Governor.

From the Richmond Dispatch, March 26.

The rain yesterday afternoon did not prevent the gathering of a large concourse of people on the Capitol-square to hear an address from Colonel GILBERT C. WALKER, of Norfolk, the "true Republican" candidate for Governor of Virginia. The crowd was largely composed of white persons, but there was also a goodly attendance of colored persons. Colonel WALKER spoke as follows:

Mr. CHAIRMAN AND FELLOW-CITIZENS: I appear before you to-day under very peculiar circumstances. I have been nominated as the candidate for the high and responsible office of Chief Magistrate of this noble old Commonwealth; and nominated, too, as the lawyers would say, without my knowledge, privity, or consent. I am no politician, and I did not seek this or any other nomination. I did not settle in Virginia to devote myself to politics. I came here for business. The genial climate of your State, your vast commercial advantages, the high character your people have ever entertained for honor and integrity, attracted me here. It was, therefore, with more than ordinary surprise, and, I might almost say, with a feeling of regret, that I have found myself thrust before the good people of this Commonwealth as a candidate for the highest office within their gift. But when I consider the character of the men from whom this nomination emanates—when I consider the important issues involved and the vast interests at stake—when I read the platform of principles upon which they desire me to stand, and see therein the principal plank, "Peace throughout the broad borders of Virginia, good-will among all her citizens"—I feel constrained to accept the nomination and do the best I can to accomplish the object.

Fellow-citizens, the men who have placed me in nomination are well-known to you and to the people of this State. They are men of substantial character, men of broad and catholic views and liberal principles. They are Republicans all—yes, Grant Administration Republicans—and so am I. These men, you and I, and every citizen of this Commonwealth, have the most vital interest in the real and complete restoration of this State to her relations with the Federal Union. But how shall that be accomplished? How shall Virginia again clothe herself in the garb of her habitiments of a State and again enter the great sisterhood of States? There is but one road which you and I can travel. We must execute the Reconstruction laws of Congress promptly and in good faith, and we again tread to the music of the Union—again consider ourselves a sovereign State—again call ourselves freemen; and then again, gentlemen, prosperity and peace will reign within your borders. I believe, gentlemen, that the time has arrived when the people, or a large majority of this Commonwealth are in accord with me upon this measure. I believe that they are convinced that the time has arrived when they should not only accept the situation, but realize it in all its force and bearings. I have been one of those who have been always in favor of executing the reconstruction laws of Congress promptly, honestly and thoroughly. I have said it before, and I repeat it again here, that in my judgment the wise and politic course for the people of this State to pursue is to carry out those measures in good faith. The people ought to carry them out in good faith! Are we ready for this issue? What other mode is there by which we in Virginia can ever again enter the portals of the Union? I see none, and, I believe, you see none. Now, fellow-citizens, at this juncture there is no election ordered for Virginia. A convention assembled here last Winter a year ago and framed a Constitution. That Constitution I object to. I object to it because of its disqualification clauses, its test-oath, and its county organization. I think the day for disfranchisements has passed. I think the day for good feelings has arrived. I do not believe you can reconstruct the State promptly, that you can have a stable State Government, unless all her people are united and peaceful. I have been in error, as I said before, of executing the reconstruction laws in good faith. It follows as a logical sequence that I have been in favor of placing the colored man upon an equality with the white man so far as his civil and political rights were concerned. I deem it a necessity for him. I deem it a necessity for you to-day. It is a grave question whether it will ever answer in a Government constituted like ours to have any large body of our fellow-citizens disfranchised, and unable to exercise the right to vote for those who shall govern them. The same principle which I would apply to the colored man I apply to the white man. I say let everybody vote. Put everybody upon an equal basis, and then let the best man win. That has been my doctrine; that is my doctrine now. It is because the Constitution to which I have referred does not recognize this principle that I am against it. But strike from it these objectionable clauses, and I will vote for it; not because I approve of all its other provisions, but because, under the circumstances, it is the best we can obtain. Let Congress strike out these provisions, or submit them to a separate vote, and I have no doubt the balance of the Constitution will be adopted by an almost unanimous vote. I hope and believe that Congress will do the one or the other, and that speedily. What is needed in Virginia to-day is reconstruction. What is needed is a restoration to the Union. Commerce is paralyzed. Trade, agriculture, everything has the blight of disorder resting upon it. The remedy for all these evils is in reconstruction. We want within our borders "peace." We want peace upon that basis, equality to all men in their civil and political rights, and when you grant that and all recognize it, of every order and of every variety of society, you will have peace in your borders, and Virginia will again march proudly forward to take her place with her sister States in improvement, in progress, in financial prosperity, in wealth and responsibility and power. When the chosen Chief of this country in his letter of acceptance proclaimed that one single expression, "Let us have peace," it flew like lightning throughout the land. It was echoed from every hillside and from every plain of the South. The Southern people, with one acclaim almost, said, "Let us have peace." We believe that General GRANT, in making use of that expression, meant what he said. We believe that he intends to carry it out in good faith. We believe that what he said in his inaugural he meant honestly and sincerely. We believe that he intends to execute all that he laid down in that inaugural. If he does, why, then again we shall have peace within our borders, and good will among men everywhere. I said a moment ago that what we need in this State is early and immediate reconstruction. You need reconstruction to build up your railroads. You need reconstruction to build up your canals. You need reconstruction to utilize at the eastern point of your State the grand harbor which nature prepared for you, and a commerce which shall vie with New-York—which shall vie with any city in the Union in its extent and importance. You need reconstruction to bring within your borders emigrants from the North as well as from Europe. You need reconstruction in every sense of the term. You need restoration to the Union. With that will come these blessings. With that will come peace within your borders. With that will come all the blessings which flow from happiness, contentment and prosperity. It has been a long time since I have had the honor of addressing any audience in this city. I have been absent for years. I have come back to my old home, and I find it changed in many respects. I find the Zanesville Railroad has been completed. I find the Richmond and Danville Railroad has been completed. I find the Richmond and Petersburg Railroad has been completed. I find the Richmond and Petersburg Railroad has been completed. I find the Richmond and Petersburg

CITY GOVERNMENT.

Board of Assistant Aldermen—Special Session.

[OFFICIAL.]

MONDAY, March 29, 1869—2 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in their Chamber, number sixteen City Hall, pursuant to adjournment.

Present—James A. Monaghan, Esq., President, in the chair, and the following members:

Assistant Aldermen Healy, Lyaght, the President, Assistant Aldermen Robinson, Hill, Hampson, Welch, Cullkin, Hoffman, Pinckney, Daly, Gibney, John Reilly, Pettit, Haughton, O'Neil, Jackson, Cunningham, Roberts—19.

The minutes of meeting held March twenty-five were read and approved.

By Assistant Alderman Pettit—

Resolved, That the sidewalk on south side of West Thirty-fifth-street, in front of numbers five hundred and twenty-two, five hundred and twenty-four and five hundred and twenty-six, be flagged full width, where not already done.

Which was laid over.

By Assistant Alderman O'Neil—

Resolved, That permission be given to Bernard O'Neill to place a watering tank in front of his premises, corner Twenty-eighth-street and Second-avenue, the same to be done at his own expense and permit during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was laid over.

By Assistant Alderman Gibney—

Resolved, That the vacant lots on south side of Twenty-first-street, between Tenth and Eleventh-avenues, be fenced in.

Which was laid over.

By Assistant Alderman Gibney—

Resolved, That the vacant lots on north side of Twenty-eighth-street, between Tenth-avenue and Eleventh-avenue, be fenced in.

Which was laid over.

NOTICES.

Assistant Alderman Cullkin moved that the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of resolution, that the Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to draw his warrant in favor of William H. Dimond, for the sum of seventy-five dollars, for damages sustained by his house falling in a hole on West Fifty-second-street, first ward, on January eighteen, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, and charge the same to the account of "Donations," or any other appropriate account.

Which was carried.

The paper was then laid over.

Assistant Alderman Cullkin moved that the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of report of Committee of Finance of the Board of Aldermen, with resolution, that the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of Samuel Willetts, President of the Board of Trustees of the New-York Infirmary for Women and Children, for the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, as a donation, to be applied in assisting said Trustees to carry out the object of the institution; the amount to be charged by the Comptroller to the account of "Donations."

Which was carried.

The paper was then laid over.

Assistant Alderman Hampson moved that the Committee on Streets be discharged from the further consideration of resolution of Board of Aldermen, that permission be and the same is hereby given to Edward Potter to construct and maintain a bay window projecting from the side of his premises on East Thirty-seventh-street, said premises being situated on the northwesterly corner of Park-avenue and East Thirty-seventh-street, said window to be erected under the direction of the Street Commissioner, and to remain only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was carried.

The paper was then laid over.

GENERAL ORDERS.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to draw his warrant in favor of Jeremiah Devlin, for the sum of ninety-five hundred and fifty dollars, as compensation for loss of horse and harness from dumping ground at the foot of Eighty-street, by reason of said ground being out of proper repair, and charge the same to its appropriate account.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Healy, Lyaght, the President, Assistant Aldermen Robinson, Hill, Hampson, Welch, Cullkin, Hoffman, Daly, Gibney, John Reilly, Pettit, Haughton, O'Neil, Jackson, Cunningham—17.

Negative—Assistant Aldermen Pinckney, Roberts—2.

Resolved, That the sidewalk on the west side of Rutgers-slip, from South to Water-street, be flagged full width.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Healy, Lyaght, the President, Assistant Aldermen Robinson, Hill, Hampson, Welch, Cullkin, Hoffman, Pinckney, Daly, Gibney, John Reilly, Pettit, Haughton, O'Neil, Jackson, Cunningham, Roberts—19.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Board the necessary receiving basins and culverts, be built in Clarkson-street, between Varick and Hudson streets.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Healy, Lyaght, the President, Assistant Aldermen Robinson, Hill, Hampson, Welch, Cullkin, Hoffman, Pinckney, Daly, Gibney, John Reilly, Pettit, Haughton, O'Neil, Jackson, Cunningham, Roberts—19.

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Common Council be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint an additional clerk in his office, to be denominated the sixth Assistant Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, who shall perform such duties as may be assigned him by the said Clerk of the Common Council; the salary of the said Assistant Clerk to be twenty-five hundred dollars per annum, payable monthly.

(In Board of Aldermen, February eleven, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, said resolution amended by adding thereto the following additional resolution:)

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Board of Assistant Aldermen be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint an additional clerk to his office, to be denominated Third Assistant Clerk of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, who shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the said Clerk of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, the salary of the said Assistant Clerk to be twenty-five hundred dollars per annum, payable monthly.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Healy, Lyaght, the President, Assistant Aldermen Robinson, Hill, Hampson, Welch, Cullkin, Hoffman, Daly, John Reilly, Pettit, Haughton, O'Neil, Jackson, Cunningham—19.

Negative—Assistant Aldermen Pinckney, Gibney, Roberts—3.

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for proposals for building a bulkhead at the foot of Forty-sixth-street, East River, the same to extend out to the United States pierhead line.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Healy, Lyaght, the President, Assistant Aldermen Robinson, Hill, Hampson, Welch, Cullkin, Hoffman, Daly, Gibney, John Reilly, Pettit, Haughton, O'Neil, Jackson, Cunningham—19.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant in favor of Rev. Thomas D. Ferris, one of the Vestrymen of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in Eighty-sixth-street, between Third and Fourth avenues, for the sum of four hundred and twenty-one dollars and forty-seven cents, as a donation in aid of said church, to be applied in payment of taxes, water-rents and interest thereon, for the years one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven and one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, the amount to be charged by the Comptroller to the account of "Donations," or any other appropriate account.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Healy, Lyaght, the President, Assistant Aldermen Robinson, Hill, Hampson, Welch, Cullkin, Hoffman, Daly, Gibney, John Reilly, Pettit, Haughton, O'Neil, Jackson, Cunningham—17.

Negative—Assistant Aldermen Pinckney, Roberts—2.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to draw his warrant in favor of Peter Donnelly, Pastor of St. Michael's Church, for the sum of five thousand dollars, as a donation, to be applied in aid of the school connected with the said church, and charge the same to the account of "Donations," or any other appropriate account.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Resolved, That two gas lamps be placed in front of the German Methodist Episcopal Church, situated on the north side of East Twelfth-street, between Avenues A and B, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Healy, Lyaght, the President, Assistant Aldermen Robinson, Hill, Hampson, Welch, Cullkin, Hoffman, Pinckney, Daly, Gibney, John Reilly, Pettit, Haughton, O'Neil, Jackson, Roberts, Cunningham—19.

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Common Council be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint an additional clerk in his office, to be denominated the sixth Assistant Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, who shall perform such duties as may be assigned him by the said Clerk of the Common Council; the salary of the said Assistant Clerk to be twenty-five hundred dollars per annum, payable monthly.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Healy, Lyaght, the President, Assistant Aldermen Robinson, Hill, Hampson, Welch, Cullkin, Hoffman, Pinckney, Daly, John Reilly, Pettit, Haughton, O'Neil, Jackson, Cunningham—19.

Negative—Assistant Aldermen Pinckney, Gibney, Roberts—3.

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for proposals for building a bulkhead at the foot of Forty-sixth-street, East River, the same to extend out to the United States pierhead line.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Healy, Lyaght, the President, Assistant Aldermen Robinson, Hill, Hampson, Welch, Cullkin, Hoffman, Daly, Gibney, John Reilly, Pettit, Haughton, O'Neil, Jackson, Cunningham—19.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant in favor of Rev. William H. Morrell, Pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, situated in East Fourteenth-street, and charge the same to the account of "Donations," or any other appropriate account.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Healy, Lyaght, the President, Assistant Aldermen Robinson, Hill, Hampson, Welch, Cullkin, Hoffman, Daly, Gibney, John Reilly, Pettit, Haughton, O'Neil, Jackson, Cunningham, Roberts—19.

Negative—Assistant Aldermen Pinckney—1.

Resolved, That the sidewalk on south side of Thirty-fourth-street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues, be flagged full width, where not already done.

Referred to the Committee on Sidewalks.

Resolved, That two gas lamps be placed in front of the German Methodist Episcopal Church, situated on the north side of East Twelfth-street, between Avenues A and B, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Healy, Lyaght, the President, Assistant Aldermen Robinson, Hill, Hampson, Welch, Cullkin, Hoffman, Pinckney, Daly, Gibney, John Reilly, Pettit, Haughton, O'Neil, Jackson, Roberts, Cunningham—19.

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Common Council be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint an additional clerk in his office, to be denominated the sixth Assistant Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, who shall perform such duties as may be assigned him by the said Clerk of the Common Council; the salary of the said Assistant Clerk to be twenty-five hundred dollars per annum, payable monthly.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Healy, Lyaght, the President, Assistant Aldermen Robinson, Hill, Hampson, Welch, Cullkin, Hoffman, Pinckney, Daly, Gibney, John Reilly, Pettit, Haughton, O'Neil, Jackson, Cunningham, Roberts—19.

Negative—Assistant Aldermen Pinckney, Gibney, Roberts—3.

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for proposals for building a bulkhead at the foot of Forty-sixth-street, East River, the same to extend out to the United States pierhead line.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Healy, Lyaght, the President, Assistant Aldermen Robinson, Hill, Hampson, Welch, Cullkin, Hoffman, Pinckney, Daly, Gibney, John Reilly, Pettit, Haughton, O'Neil, Jackson, Cunningham—19.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of Rev. William H. Morrell, Pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, situated in East Fourteenth-street, and charge the same to the account of "Donations," or any other appropriate account.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Healy, Lyaght, the President, Assistant Aldermen Robinson, Hill, Hampson, Welch, Cullkin, Hoffman, Pinckney, Daly, Gibney, John Reilly, Pettit, Haughton, O'Neil, Jackson, Cunningham, Roberts—19.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of Henry E. Garvin, Michael Meehan and Jacob Seebach, for the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars each, for extra services rendered at various times during the years one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six and one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, in paying laborers, and as foreman, in City Inspector's Department, as per accompanying Bill.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Resolved, That Ninety-seventh-street, from Fifth-avenue to the East River, also, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth-street, from Third-avenue to the East River, also, One Hundred and Thirty-ninth-street, from Eighth-avenue to the Harlem River; also, One Hundred and Forty-third-street, from Eighth-avenue to the Harlem River; and also, One Hundred and Forty-ninth-street, from Eighth-avenue to the Harlem River—be severally opened according to law, and that the Counsel to the Corporation is hereby directed to take the proper and necessary legal measures to carry this resolution into effect.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Healy, Lyaght, the President, Assistant Aldermen Robinson, Hill, Hampson, Welch, Cullkin, Hoffman, Pinckney, Daly, John Reilly, Pettit, Haughton, O'Neil, Jackson, Cunningham—19.

Negative—Assistant Aldermen Pinckney, Gibney, Roberts—3.

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for proposals for building a bulkhead at the foot of Forty-sixth-street, East River, the same to extend out to the United States pierhead line.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Healy, Lyaght, the President, Assistant Aldermen Robinson, Hill, Hampson, Welch, Cullkin, Hoffman, Pinckney, Daly, Gibney, John Reilly, Pettit, Haughton, O'Neil, Jackson, Cunningham—19.

Negative—Assistant Aldermen Pinckney—1.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of Rev. William O. Bryant, for the sum of ninety-five dollars, as a donation, to be applied in payment of assessments for the work of tunnel making a road or public drive through the property of said church, and charge the same to the account of "Donations," or any other appropriate account.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Healy, Lyaght, the President, Assistant Aldermen Robinson, Hill, Hampson, Welch, Cullkin, Hoffman, Pinckney, Daly, Gibney, John Reilly, Pettit, Haughton, O'Neil, Jackson, Cunningham, Roberts—19.

Negative—The President, Assistant Aldermen Pinckney, Daly, Haughton—4.

Assistant Alderman Gibney moved that the vote just taken be reconsidered.

Which was carried.

And the paper was again laid over.

Resolved, That the lamp and fixtures now in front of the house number three hundred and ninety-three Greenwich-street, be removed and placed at a point fifteen feet southerly therefrom, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Healy, Lyaght, the President, Assistant Aldermen Robinson, Hill, Hampson, Welch, Cullkin, Hoffman, Daly, Gibney, John Reilly, Pettit, Haughton, O'Neil, Jackson, Cunningham, Roberts—19.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of Francis W. Jackson, Pastor of Bethesda Church, corner of Henry and Scammel streets, in the City of New-York, for the sum of three hundred and fifteen dollars, to enable the corporation of said church to pay the assessment on said property, the said assessment having been made against the said church for the work of Worth-street extension, and the Comptroller to charge the same to the account of "Donations."

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Healy, Lyaght, the President, Assistant Aldermen Robinson, Roberts, Hill, Hampson, Welch, Cullkin, Hoffman, Daly, Gibney, John Reilly, Pettit, Haughton, O'Neil, Jackson, Cunningham—19.

Negative—Assistant Aldermen Pinckney—1.

PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Resolved, That on both sides of Eighty-sixth-street, between Third-avenue and East River, the sidewalks be extended to the width of thirty feet, and the owners be permitted to inclose fifteen feet thereof for courtyard purposes, and that curb and gutter stones be set and the grade of said sidewalks staged and reflagged a space four feet wide through the centre of the outside fifteen feet, where not already done.

Which was laid over by unanimous consent.

GENERAL ORDERS RESUMED.

Resolved, That Bleecker-street, from Bowery to Houston-street, be remembered, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Healy, Lyaght, the President, Assistant Aldermen Robinson, Hill, Hampson, Welch, Cullkin, Hoffman, Daly, Gibney, John Reilly, Pettit, Haughton, O'Neil, Jackson, Cunningham, Roberts—19.

Negative—Assistant Aldermen Pinckney—1.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of Reverend James Boyce, Pastor of Saint Teresa's Church, for the sum of five thousand dollars, as a donation, to the school attached to said Church, and charge the same to the account of "Donations," or any other appropriate account.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Healy, Lyaght, the President, Assistant Aldermen Robinson, Hill, Hampson, Welch, Cullkin, Hoffman, Daly, Gibney, John Reilly, Pettit, Haughton, O'Neil, Jackson, Cunningham—19.

Negative—Assistant Aldermen Pinckney, Roberts—2.

MOTIONS RESUMED.

Assistant Alderman Hampson moved that the Board do now adjourn.

Which was carried.

Whereupon the President declared that the Board stood adjourned until Thursday next, the first proximo, at two o'clock P. M.

WILLIAM H. MOLONEY, Clerk.

Board of Assistant Aldermen—Special Session.

[OFFICIAL.]

MONDAY, March 29, 1869—3 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in their Chamber, number sixteen City Hall, pursuant to special call.

President James A. Monaghan, Esq., President, in the chair, and the following members:

Assistant Aldermen Healy, Lyaght, Robinson, Hill, Hampson, Welch, Cullkin, Hoffman, Pinckney, Daly, Gibney, John Reilly, Pettit, Haughton, O'Neil, Jackson, Cunningham, Roberts.

PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Preamble and resolutions relative to death of Ex-Mayor Harper.

Assistant Alderman Haughton, by unanimous consent, moved to concur with the Board of Aldermen in adopting said preamble and resolutions.

Which was carried.

The President named as such Special Committee on the part of the Board of Assistant Aldermen—

Assistant Alderman Haughton,
Assistant Alderman Pinckney, and
Assistant Alderman Cunningham.

MOTIONS.

Assistant Alderman Robinson moved that the Board do now adjourn.

Which was carried.

Whereupon the President declared that the Board stood adjourned until Thursday next, the first proximo, at two o'clock P. M.

WILLIAM H. MOLONEY, Clerk.

INSTRUCTION.

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REMOVAL.—OFFICE OF THE BURGLAR Alarm Telegraph removed to No. 7 Murray-st., two doors from Broadway. E. MILLER.

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THE UNION SQUARE NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, NO. 23 UNION-SQUARE. This bank has been organized under the National Banking law, and having received a certificate of authority from the Comptroller of the Currency, will open for business on WEDNESDAY, March 31, 1869. J. R. TERRY, President. M. FRIEDMAN, Cashier.

DES MOINES VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY. The coupons of the First Mortgage Eight per Cent. Bonds of the Des Moines Valley Railroad Company, due 1st of April, 1869, will be paid on and after that date at the office of GILMAN, SON & CO., No. 67 Exchange-place.

LOST OR STOLEN. CERTIFICATE NO. 20,088 of the Michigan Central Railroad Company for ten shares of Stock, dated Jan. 2, 1869, and standing in the name of Augusta Peters. The public are cautioned not to purchase or negotiate the same.

LOST OR MISLAID.—WHEREAS, CERTIFICATES Nos. 3,894 and 3,895, for ten and twenty shares, respectively, of the capital stock of the National Bank of Commerce, of the City of New-York, dated May 1, 1866, and Certificates Nos. 1,595 and 1,596, for twenty and ten shares, respectively, of same stock, dated May 4 and May 16, 1864, in name of Gomez J. Welles, have been either lost or carried away, we hereby give notice that application has been made for new certificates, and all persons are called upon to show cause why the same should not be issued in lieu of those lost. MARCH 27, 1869. mh27-1awtwW

LOST OR MISLAID.—WHEREAS, CERTIFICATES Nos. 1 and 2, for twenty shares each, in the capital stock of the New-York and New-Haven Railroad Company, in name of Susan J. and Jane Welles, have been lost or mislaid, we hereby give notice is hereby given that application has been made for new certificates, and all persons are called upon to show cause why the same should not be issued in lieu of those lost. mh17-1awtwW

OFFICE OF THE CHICAGO AND ALTON RAILROAD COMPANY, CHICAGO, Ill., March 26, 1869. COUPONS OF CHICAGO AND ALTON Railroad Company, due April 1, 1869, will be paid on and after that date, less Government tax, at the office of Messrs. M. K. JESUP & CO., No. 15 Pine-st., New-York. Also, coupons of St. Louis, Jacksonville and Chicago Railroad First mortgage bonds, due April 1, free of Government tax. W. M. LARRABEE, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF TOLEDO, PEORIA AND WARSAW R. R. CO., No. 20 EXCHANGE-PLACE, NEW-YORK, March 26, 1869. THE COUPONS OF THE SECOND Mortgage Bonds of the Toledo, Peoria and Warsaw Railway Company, due on 1st April, will be paid at the office of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, No. 26 Exchange-place, on and after that date, less Government tax. CHARLES L. FROST, President.

COLUMBUS, CHICAGO AND INDIANA CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY, NO. 57 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, March 24, 1869. THE INTEREST COUPONS OF THE Consolidated First Mortgage Bonds of the Columbus, Chicago and Indiana Central Railway Company, due April 1, will be paid on and after that date (less Government tax) on presentation at this office. R. E. SMITH, President.

NORTON & CO., AMERICAN BANKERS, No. 6 Rue Scribe, (Grand Hotel,) Paris, No. 5 Lothbury, (opposite Bank of England,) London; No. 4 Brooklyn-place, Melbourne & Co.,) New-York. Letters of Credit issued. All letters addressed care of NORTON & CO. promptly delivered. Every attention paid to travelers.

COUPONS.—THE COUPONS OF THE FIRST Mortgage Bonds of the Union and Pacific Railroad Company, due 1st April next, will be paid on and after 1st prox. at the St. Nicholas National Bank. NEW-YORK, March 24, 1869. B. E. SMITH, President.

GLOBE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, NEW-YORK, March 29, 1869. THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Company will be held at their office, No. 170 Broadway, on TUESDAY, April 13, next. The poll will be opened from 12 o'clock M. until 1 o'clock P. M. ALFRED J. BOLTON, Secretary.

NEW-YORK, March 24, 1869. COUPONS.—THE COUPONS OF THE FIRST mortgage bonds of the Columbus and Hocking Valley Railroad Company, due 1st April next, will be paid at the St. Nicholas National Bank on and after 1st prox. B. E. SMITH, President.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of the National Life Insurance Company of New-York will be held at the Company's office, No. 215 Broadway, on MONDAY, the 5th day of April, 1869, from 11 M. to 1 P. M. JOHN A. MORTIMORE, Secretary.

COUPONS ON SOUTHERN MINNESOTA RAILROAD 8 PER CENT. BONDS, due April 2, will be paid on and after that date at our office. F. M. MYERS & CO., No. 16 Pine-st.

FINANCIAL.

INDIANAPOLIS AND VINCENNES RAILROAD COMPANY. First Mortgage Forty-year Bonds. Interest Seven Per Cent. per Annum. Payable February and August, in the City of New-York. Guaranteed, jointly and severally, by THE INDIANAPOLIS, CINCINNATI AND LAFAYETTE RAILROAD CO. THE PITTSBURG, CINCINNATI AND ST. LOUIS RAILWAY CO. THE COLUMBUS, CHICAGO AND INDIANA CENTRAL RAILWAY CO.; The latter guarantee being indorsed by the Pennsylvania Central Railroad Co. Issue restricted to $1,700,000 on the entire road, which is equal to about $15,000 per mile. This road is now approaching its completion; it traverses a rich and populous district in the State of Indiana, and will soon constitute an important link in the Trunk Line, extending from the Atlantic cities to the Southwest, via Cairo. The intrinsic value of the road itself, combined with the guarantee of four other important railroad companies, one of which ranks financially among the strongest railroad corporations in the world, render these bonds among the safest investments on the market. We confidently recommend them as a most desirable security for parties investing for themselves or in trust for others. Also, Shares in the Capital Stock of said Railway Company, on which Six per Cent. per annum and one half the net earnings of the road, in excess of that amount, is guaranteed to the holders in perpetuity by the same railroad corporations. A limited quantity of these choice securities are offered for sale on favorable terms by GEORGE OPDYKE & CO., BANKERS, NO. 25 NASSAU-STREET.

VERMILYE & CO., BANKERS, REMOVED TO NOS. 16 AND 18 NASSAU-ST. DEALERS IN ALL ISSUES OF GOVERNMENT SECURITIES AND IN GOLD AND GOLD COUPONS.

CLOSING PRICES.

NEW-YORK, March 30, 1869—3 P. M.

	Buy	Sell.		Buy	Sell.
Registered, 1881	115	115¼	5-20 Coupon, '67	113¾	113
Coupon, 1881	115¼	115¾	5-20 Coupon, '68	113¾	113
5-20 Reg., 1864	112	112¼	10-40 Reg., '64	104½	105
5-20 Coupon, '64	113	113¼	10-40 Coupon	106	106¼
5-20 Reg., '65	112¾	113	Gold	131½	131¾
5-20 Coupon, '65	113¾	113	U. S. Cur. Fac.	104¾	104¾
5-20 Coupon, Jan. and July	112¾	113			

BUY AND SELL ON COMMISSION, RAILWAY STOCKS, BONDS AND GOLD, MAKING LIBERAL ADVANCES. INTEREST ON DEPOSITS.

$1,000,000 GOLD. SIX PER CENT. FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS OF THE ST. LOUIS AND ST. JOSEPH RAILROAD OF MISSOURI. Coupons payable May and Nov. 1, at the Farmers' Loan and Trust Co., in the City of New-York. The principal, as well as the interest, is payable in coin. Length of road, 72¼ miles, from the City of St. Joseph to Lexington, making a through line, with the connection now completed from Omaha to St. Louis, and, on completion of the Union and Central Pacific Roads, with San Francisco. The total amount of bonds, all that can be issued, is $1,000,000—less than $14,000 per mile—which are secured by a first mortgage on the entire property of the Company. A portion of the road is now in successful operation; the balance is being rapidly constructed, and will be completed during the Summer. The Farmers' Loan and Trust Co. are the trustees for the bonds, who receive the money and pay it over to the Company on the completion of each section of ten miles. The road is being built entirely with cash, economically and in a substantial manner. The Directors and officers are all men of the highest standing and unquestionable ability and integrity. The lands are the most populous and richest agricultural districts in the State, making the security first-class—one that we recommend to our friends as a desirable investment, yielding a handsome income. Over $300,000 ever sold. The California-Pacific 7 per cent. Bonds were closed out by us in January last, and are now selling at an advance of from 7 to 10 per cent., and are in great demand. The Bonds we offer have been made a corresponding, if not greater, advance in the St. Louis and St. Joseph 6 per cent. Bonds. The Company intend to place the remaining portion, offered at a limited amount at 87½, and accrued interest in currency, reserving the right to advance the price without notice. Government and other marketable securities received at market rates. For pamphlets and further particulars, apply to TURNER BROTHERS, Bankers, No. 14 Nassau-st., New-York.

ATLANTIC AND GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY. ERIE RAILWAY COMPANY LESSEES. Notice is hereby given that the coupons of the Pennsylvania and Ohio First Mortgage Bonds of the Atlantic and Great Western Railway Company, due on 1st of April, 1869, will be paid in cash upon presentation at the office of the Erie Railway Company in the City of New-York, for the exchange of coupons of Erie and Second Mortgage Bonds, First Mortgage Bonds of the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railway Company, carrying seven per cent. interest, guaranteed by the Erie Railway Company, for same of $1,000 each, duly issued, and scrip certificates for sums of lower amount. NEW-YORK, 30th March, 1869. JAY GOULD, President Erie Railway Company.

ASTOR FIRE INSURANCE CO. ELECTION. The annual election for thirty Directors and three Inspectors of Election will be held at the office, No. 16 Wall-st., on WEDNESDAY, 14th April, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M. JAMES YERRANCE, Secretary.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE received up to THURSDAY, 8th April, at noon, for the purchase of $600,000—or any part thereof—equipment coupon bonds of the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railway Company, dated 1st May, 1868, and due in five years with interest at the rate of eight per cent. (free of Government tax,) payable semi-annually at the office of the agency in this City on the 1st of March and September. No bid of less than par and accrued interest will be considered. Payment will be required on notification of the acceptance of the bid. The balance of the $1,600,000 authorized will not probably be issued this year. Proposals to be addressed to WINSLOW, LANIER & CO., Pittsburg, Pa., "Equipment Bonds of the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railway Company." NEW-YORK, March 29, 1869.

THE SAINT MARY'S CANAL MINERAL LAND COMPANY.—The annual meeting of the Saint Mary's Canal Mineral Land Company for the election of officers for the ensuing year, and the transaction of any other business which may legally come before the meeting, will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 52 Wall-st., Room of Albany City National Bank, in the City of New-York, on WEDNESDAY, the 31st instant, at